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"Older than the New York Times"

KP Coordinating Council cancels spring programming

by Ian Mandel '06
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As reported in last week's issue of *The Spectator*, The Kirkland Project for the Study of Gender, Society and Culture (KP) has decided to cancel its remaining programming for the spring 2005 semester.

According to members of the KP's 31-member Coordinating Council, the Council finalized its decision after a request by high ranking members of the Hamilton administration regarding event content.

"President Stewart and Dean Paris asked the Kirkland Project Coordinating Council for assurance that the College would not find itself, yet again, in the midst of an embarrassing media storm as a result of our programming," the Council wrote in a February 25 op-ed in *The Spectator*.

Council members strongly asserted that they saw nothing wrong with their programming and that they did not see the KP as the source of "embarrassment" for the College.

"We found it somewhat offensive because the implication was that we had caused the problem and that has been the continuing interpretation if you look at the actions of the administration," former KP director and current Council member Nancy Rabinowitz stated. "We did not cause the embarrassment. Therefore, we could not guarantee that there wouldn't be a problem because we could not guarantee what others would do."

As the Council stated in their op-ed, the KP believes its "programming is responsible," but worries that any speaker it brings to campus in the aftermath of the recent controversies will be unfairly treated.

"We weren't prepared to put our speakers through that type of scrutiny, so we decided with the current atmosphere and climate on campus that we needed some time to regroup and let the [College's official] review be completed," Council member and Professor of Biology Jinnie Garrett stated.

Garrett asserted that the loss of the semester's programming is a loss to the community, but that the Council had made the right decision.

"We were weighing the loss of those events for our students versus the pressure we were under to provide an iron clad guarantee that there would be no further negative publicity, which is impossible to do for any speaker,"

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Public not allowed at faculty meeting

by Jon Kuhl '06
MANAGING EDITOR

Unlike most faculty meetings, which are open to the public, Tuesday's faculty meeting was closed to the public. The faculty-only meeting, a rare occurence, was called in order to give the faculty the chance to speak openly. Without a media presence, professors were not hindered in their discussion, as had been the case at other recent meetings. The meeting, only weeks after the Ward Churchill controversy, was held in KJ Auditorium and was well attended.

Professor of Theatre Carol Bellini-Sharp, who is also the faculty chair, explained why the meeting was not open to the public, saying that "we wanted the faculty to have the option to discuss issues as freely and openly as possible." Bellini-Sharp also commented that the meeting "raised issues that the faculty were interested in talking about."

When asked how frequently closed faculty meetings occur, Bellini-Sharp explained that such meetings are "rare occurrences, but do happen."

Professor of English Margaret Thickstun recalled that the only other closed faculty meeting in her time at Hamilton took place during the week that former President Eugene Tobin resigned.

Acknowledging that the past few weeks have been difficult on members of the faculty, Bellini-Sharp commented, "Given our situation, it was good and necessary for the faculty to get together."

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Author, Prof. John Elder lectures on memoirs and nature

by Katie Stinchfield '07
NEWS WRITER

"We are no more or no less than the land that surrounds us," said John Elder, who spoke Wednesday night in the Events Barn as part of the Writing Center's Distinguished Writers Series. Elder, an author and professor of English and Environmental Studies at Middlebury College, gave a lecture entitled "Landscape and Memoir."

Elder read from three of his own works and from the works of other authors on the relationship between stories and landscape. "Attaching our stories to the landscape is a way of mapping," he said.

"I've been focused on the connection between literature and the natural world as essential to our experience of being alive," Elder said. "People tell their lives through telling the seasons. Their identities are inescapable from their landscape."

Elder began by reading a passage from an essay by Leslie Marmon Silko entitled "Landscape, History, and the Pueblo Imagination." Silko "looks at stories as simultaneously being maps," he said, "A story brings together the features of a landscape." Elder's own work has been greatly influenced by the work of nature writers such as Silko. Elder also read a piece by Terry Tippins Williams, who links the suffering of the landscape to the suffering of a family.

Elder drew upon these works to illustrate literature's relationship to land.

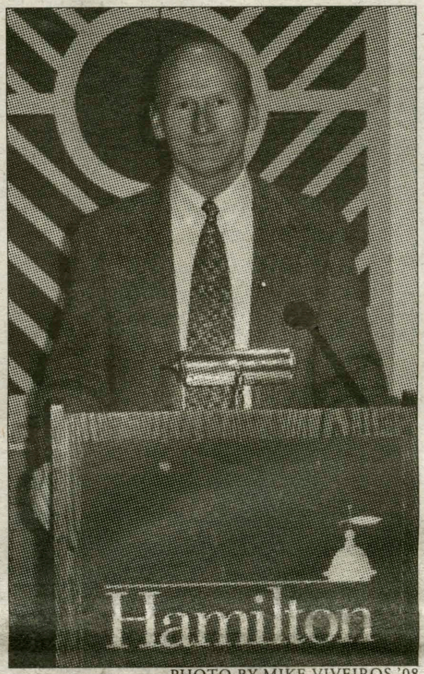

PHOTO BY MIKE VIVEIROS '08
Elder is currently Professor of English & Environmental studies at Middlebury College.

"I'm from a typically mobile American family. In fact, I moved six times growing up," he said. "What do immigrants like me do when trying to attach meaning to a land? How can we find a way to get the

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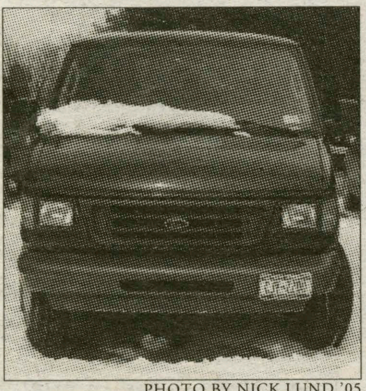
SA, ISC introduce 5-step plan to restore Jitney



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Late-night Jitney service has yet to be restored.

by Kathleen McGrory '05
SENIOR EDITOR

In response to the recent strike by late night Jitney drivers, Student Assembly (SA) and the InterSociety Council(ISC) have proposed a five-step plan to restore the transport service. The student drivers remain on strike.

"Overall, I'm pleased to see that things have picked up this quickly," said Jitney co-coordinator Chris Gardner '06. "But we won't be able to move ahead on the Student Assembly and ISC plan until we get some more concrete answers."

The Jitney standoff began last Monday, when drivers alleged verbal abuse and overcrowding of the vans by student passengers. Gardner said that the poor behavior threatened the safety of both riders and passengers.

"Our primary intent [of going on strike] is to alert the community of the fact that the service needs dramatic improvements in order to ensure safety," said Gardner.

The service was been suspended indefinitely and will not be resumed until a solution acceptable to the Jitney drivers is proposed and implemented.

To that end, SA and the ISC proposed a joint solution on Thursday evening. SA President Michael Blaise '07 and Vice President Ben Johnston '07 and ISC President Pablo Vives '06 put forth their plan in an all-campus e-mail sent out Thursday afternoon.

The SA and ISC plan suggests a five prong approach to eliminating bad behavior on the Jitneys. The proposal first recommends that volunteers from the ISC and SA ride alongside Jitney drivers during the late

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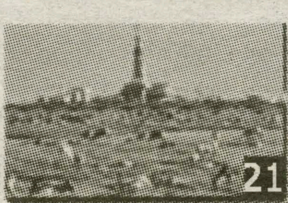

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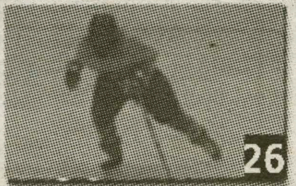

Erickson lectures on environmental effects of Sept. 11

by Caitlin Rochford '06
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY EDITOR

Mitchell D. Erickson, director of the Environmental Measurements Laboratory (EML) of the U. S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), presented a lecture titled "Homeland Security: Guards, Guns and Research? DHS Science and Technology for Rad/Nuc Counterterrorism" last Friday, February 25, in the Science Building.

Erickson began his lecture with a discussion of the effects of September 11 on the DHS. "9-11 affected us all," he stated.

He went on to address the changes that were made to the DHS after the attacks on September 11. The U.S. Patriot Act, in response to September 11, combined 21 separate organizations concerned with security issues and reorganized them into one, which is now headed by Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff.

Erickson said that the DHS now has four divisions: "Border and Transportation Security, Emergency Preparedness and Response, Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection, and Science and Technology." The EML is part of the Science and Technology division.

The goal of the Science and Technology division, besides research and development, is the "timely transition of capabilities to the first responders," according to Erickson.

Erickson said that this is different from the work of most science facilities is that elsewhere "you publish a paper and you're done."

The goals of the EML are Biocountermeasures, which include protection against anthrax, plague and smallpox, Chemical Countermeasures (industrial chemicals), Explosives Countermeasures, Threat and Vulnerability Testing and Assessment, and Critical Infrastructure Protection (against threats such as power gird blackouts).

Erickson continued his lecture, discussing where radiation comes from. This is important to EML's studies because radiation is a huge concern with counterterrorism.

Radiation is caused by an unequal number of protons and neutrons in the nucleus of an atom, according to Erickson, and radiation can come from three different sources: cosmic radiation, elements from soil, rocks and building materials, and medical radiation. Erickson said that the average person in the United States is subjected to 360 mrem each year: 55% of this radiation comes from radon, 11% from internal radiation, 8% from terrestrial radiation, 8% from cosmic radiation and 11% from x-rays.

Erickson discussed the different types of nuclear threat. Nuclear weapons are the more commonly-known type, but there are also radiation dispersion devices (RDD). RDD has the capability of causing huge economic impact by destroying technology, such as the power grid. Erickson commented, "New York City and Washington are two hotspots that seem to be where the terrorists are aiming."

The DHS lists four approaches for Nuclear Detection and Prevention Strategy, according to Erickson: "secure, detect in transit, protect target, and search and secure."

Erickson displayed his own personal radiation detector to his audience. This detector is the same as those used by first responders in high-risk areas.

Erickson discussed the practicality of the personal radiation detectors. There have been complaints by many first responders that it is an inconvenience to have to carry them, so Erickson said that it is important to think about the practicality of the detectors.

Adding to this problem is the fact that the likelihood of nuclear attack is low. "It is an issue of a fundamentally low-probability event with a high degree of consequence," Erickson said. "Policy-wise, it is a very difficult thing to deal with."

Erickson, father of Hamilton College senior Adam Erickson, was invited by Associate Professor of Chemistry Ian Rosenstein to present a lecture.

When asked what he wanted students to take away from his lecture, Erickson said that he wanted students to understand that "doing things on an interdisciplinary basis is critical for practical and theoretical science."

He added, "The application of science involves an understanding of who is going to use it, how it will be used and the application of the data."

As a final take-home point for his audience, Erickson said, "You never know where your career is going to take you."

Dr. Leila S. Talani lectures on "economic integration"

by Tim Foley '06
B&E EDITOR

Dr. Leila Simona Talani delivered her lecture "The Dollar, the Euro and the Future of European Economic Integration" to a crowd of mostly economics students and professors in Hamilton's Filius Events Barn on Sunday, February 27..

Hamilton prefessors Didar Erdinc and Alan Cafruny served as commentators for the lecture and contributed to the event with lively dialogue once Talani concluded her speech.

Talani's objective was to explain the recently volatile relationship between the United States' dollar and the young European currency, the euro. She spoke briefly on the inception of the European Union and the Eurpoean Monetary Union.

As Talani noted, the greatest feat of the European Monetary Union was not the implementation of the euro in 2001, but the new European Central Bank's scope of power.

Unlike other nations, the ECB now creates and implements monetary policies for all members of the European Union, not just one nation. In addition, it operates completely independently of any single government body.

Like the U.S. Federal Reserve, the ECB's stated goals are to keep inflation low and prices stable. Dr. Talani then posed the question of why some nations with strong, stable economies chose to enter the EMU, forfeiting control of their own successful monetary policies.

The answer, Talani explained, was that the nations saw the benefit of increased commerce between member

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Talani lectured last Sunday.

nations. In addition, the EMU offered both stability and disciplined monetary policies to both strong and more volatile economies.

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Elder reads from *Reading the Mountains of Home, The Frog Run* and *Something for Hope*

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long view even though we may not stumble upon our own landscape until midlife?"

Elder spent most of his childhood on the West Coast before moving east to attend graduate school at Yale University.

He has spent most of his adult life in Bristol, Vermont, where he and his wife have raised their three sons. It was at this point that he became interested in the connection between memoir and landscape.

"A lot of environmental educationists talk about how kids make the connection [to their environment] but it didn't happen for me. It really came after we moved to Vermont and began raising our family," Elder said. "The Vermont landscape really affected me, and I think being bumped around by life helped too."

Elder described the three stages that integrate story and landscape: wandering and grieving; working; and mapping and collaborating. To illustrate the first stage, he read an excerpt from his book, *Reading the Mountains of Home*.

The passage linked the story of two children lost in the mountains of Bristol in the 19th century with the author's own experience of losing his fourteen year-old son in the same mountains.

Elder described how he could still feel the rocks beneath his feet later that night, once his son had been found. He described how he felt lost after the death of his father and increased tensions with his teenage son, and how an understanding of his landscape and its past helped him in "falling through grief into the soil of that place."

Elder read from another one of his books, *The Frog Run*, to illustrate the second phase: working. He described sugaring with his family as a "phase of getting connected to the land."

Elder spoke of how working on a sugarbush allowed him to connect with the land and to develop his relationship with his children, particularly his son Matthew.

To describe the final stage, mapping and collaborating, Elder read from an unpublished piece with the working title, *Something for Hope*. He described the pictures of his and his wife's ancestors that line their hallway.

"We amuse on the convergences that make our family what it is," he said. Elder spoke of how the roots of his adult life are in Vermont, yet none have his ancestors have ever set foot there.

His new work is "trying to capture that sense that being at home in a place is a rhythm of departure and arrival."

"Living in Vermont, I've come to appreciate the working landscape," Elder said. He stated that he is most influenced by Robert Frost and Henry David Thoreau.

Elder said that after reading "Walden, I discovered there was a great tradition of visionary essays in America."

Elder's work draws upon these essays as well as his own personal experiences. Professor Onno Oerlemans described Elder's work as a "hybrid of memoir and literary criticism." Elder's work displays the "purpose and power of nature writing," Professor Oerlemans said.

According to Kristina Carroll '07, Elder's work "gave me new perspective on how the environment we are in not only shapes us, but inspires us."

"I have had little exposure to his kind of literature and found it engaging how he associates identity with landscape," she added.

Fiona Rigby '08 also attended the reading. "I didn't know exactly what to expect," she said. "At one point he mentioned 'attaching stories to the land and achieving a comparable sense of wholeness.' I don't think enough people realize the connection writers have with their surroundings."

After listening to Elder speak, Rigby said, "I would love to just take a year or two off from everything else going on in my life and find out who I am and what my connection to the world around me is."

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THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

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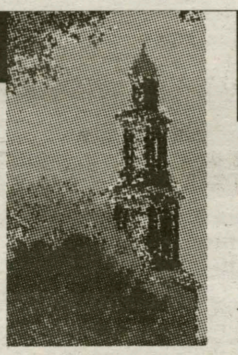


Little Town Basks in 'Napoleon' Attention

PRESTON, Idaho (AP) -- Talk to a Preston resident for any length of time and you're likely to hear the town's new mantra. "There's a little bit of Napoleon in all of us," says lifelong resident Thedora Petterborg. "Who hasn't felt like that once in a while?"

And now, based on the cult following the movie "Napoleon Dynamite" has earned, the tiny city of Preston has gained a cult following all its own.

The movie, written and directed by first-time filmmaker Jared Hess and set in his hometown, has been a surprise indie hit. It has grossed $44.5 million in the United States since its debut last June and stayed popular as a DVD best seller since December.

That success has brought fans from as far away as Germany to Preston, buying thousands of dollars' worth of souvenir shirts, tetherballs and the ever-popular boondoggle key chain.

"I think it's totally remarkable," said Petterborg, who played the school secretary in the movie. "The llama, Tina, lives right across the street from us. People come by and take pictures - they go out of their way to see Napoleon's town."

The movie's hero, Napoleon Dynamite (John Heder), is a nerdy teenager suffering the typical struggles of high school: trying to find a date, dealing with annoying relatives and holding it all together despite mocking from the popular crowd. He joins forces with friends Pedro Sanchez (Efren Ramirez) and Deb (Tina Majorino) to get Pedro elected student body president. It all culminates in a dance-off, Napoleon-style.

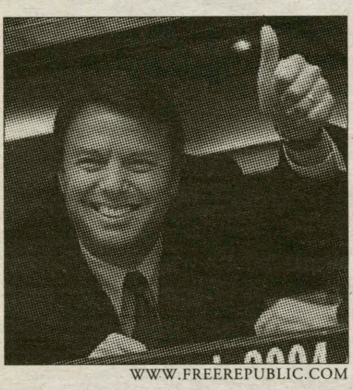
Hess' movie is squeaky clean, with no swearing, no potty humor and no violence. In many ways it mirrors the town, where cheerful and mostly Mormon residents introduce themselves to strangers and are quick to offer a helping hand.

Not everyone was thrilled to be living in the new capital of geek chic, though. Some residents worry the movie makes them look nerdy.

"There's probably two kinds of people. You either love it and think it's the greatest thing that happened, or you hate it and think it makes fun of us," Petterborg said. "Those of us love it because we love Jared."

Edwards Among Harvard Institute Fellows

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) -- Democratic vice presidential candidate and former senator John Edwards will be among visiting fellows at Harvard University's Institute of Politics this spring, the school announced Wednesday.



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Edwards, 51, of North Carolina, ran for the Democratic nomination for president before being chosen as Sen. John Kerry's running mate last year.

Other fellows are Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz., and Michael Deaver, international vice chairman for Edelman Worldwide and former deputy chief of staff to President Reagan.

The schedule calls for Edwards to visit Harvard on April 13, Kolbe on March 7-8 and Deaver sometime in April, university officials said.

Typically, visiting fellows meet with student groups to discuss topical issues and their experiences in public and political service; give a public address in the John F. Kennedy Jr. Forum; and participate in a public policy class with students and Kennedy School of Government faculty.

WORLD NEWS

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Arab Leaders Urge Syria to Leave Lebanon

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) -- Arab leaders grew increasingly impatient at Syria's resistance to a quick, complete withdrawal of its troops from Lebanon, with Saudi leader Crown Prince Abdullah sharply telling Syria's president on Thursday to start getting out soon or face deeper isolation, according to a Saudi official.

The unusually tough message came when Syrian President Bashar Assad met Abdullah and other Saudi leaders in the kingdom's capital, the Saudi official told The Associated Press by telephone from Riyadh. Arab League foreign ministers, meeting in Cairo on Thursday, added to the pressure, expressing support for the diplomatic push by Saudia Arabia and Egypt.

Syria has resisted Arab pressure to withdraw, saying in behind-the-scenes diplomacy in recent days that it wants to keep 3,000 troops and early-warning stations in Lebanon, according to an Arab diplomat in Cairo. The Syrian army already operates radar stations in Dahr el-Baidar, on mountain tops bordering Syria. Israeli warplanes have attacked the sites in the past.

But Egypt and Saudi Arabia feel those conditions are impossible, the diplomat said.

Abdullah told Assad the kingdom insists on the full withdrawal of all Syria's 15,000 troops and intelligence forces from Lebanon and wants it to start "soon," the Saudi official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Assad replied only that he would study the possibility of carrying out a partial withdrawal before an Arab summit scheduled for March 23 in Algeria, the official said.

The Syrian leader insisted he is doing everything he can to resolve the problem but that not everything is up to him, the official said.

Saudi officials replied that the situation was his problem and warned that if Damascus refuses to comply, it would lead to tensions in Saudi-Syrian ties, the official said.

Spain: Train Bombers Had Elaborate Plan

MADRID, Spain (AP) -- Islamic militants blamed for last year's commuter train bombings in Madrid were plotting more bloodshed - a string of suicide attacks in the months after the massacre, Spain's counterterrorism director told The Associated Press on Thursday.

The revelation adds a chilling what-if element to Spain's national trauma as it prepares to mark the anniversary of the March 11 bombings, the country's worst-ever terrorist attack.

Fernando Reinares, the counterterrorism chief, said the militants most likely to have carried out such suicide attacks in Spain - which would have been the first ever in Western Europe - were seven men who blew themselves up April 3 as special forces moved in to arrest them.

"According to data collected so far, it can be deduced that those terrorists were probably planning suicide attacks in the months or weeks after" the train bombings, which killed 191 people and wounded more than 1,500, Reinares told AP.

Reinares said the information suggested "their terrorist campaign was not going to end on March 11, but was going to go on and include suicide attacks at a later stage."

The seven men who died in Leganes, a town outside Madrid, included suspected ringleaders of the train strikes, which were claimed in videotapes by militants who said they acted on behalf of al-Qaida in revenge for Spain's troop presence in Iraq.

At least five men are fugitives in the case, including one who escaped from the apartment in Leganes. Reinares gave no indication these men are considered suicide-attack risks.

On March 18, a group named for Abu Hafs al-Masri - a former top lieutenant of al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden - said it was calling a truce in Spain to give the newly elected Socialist government time to withdraw the Spanish troops from Iraq. A video found in the rubble of the Leganes apartment a week after the collective suicide also gave Spain a deadline to withdraw from Iraq or face more violence.

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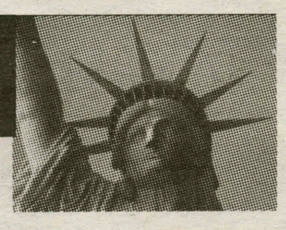
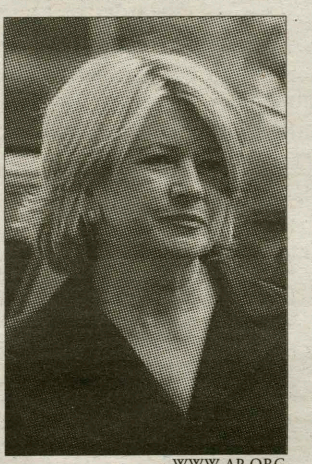


Martha Stewart to Be Released From Prison

ALDERSON, W.Va. (AP) -- Part of Martha Stewart's sentence ends tonight when the 63-year-old homemaking authority leaves Alderson Federal Women's Prison to begin serving five months under house arrest at her $16 million Bedford, N.Y., estate.

Stewart's Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia announced Thursday that she'll board a private jet bound for New York between 12:30 a.m. and 1:30 a.m. The company said she would make no public comments, but that a written statement would be posted on www.marthastewart.com.



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In letters to a Wall Street Journal reporter, Stewart expressed concern about her fellow inmates, sentencing guidelines and prison medical care. She also wrote about the prison experience.

"The judges, the lawyers and the prosecutors do not really know what it's like" to be incarcerated, Stewart wrote in one letter, according to the newspaper. "They do not know that time passes slowly, there are no good educational opportunities, there is little of value with which to pass the time."

Since inmate 55170-054 entered the prison on Oct. 8, the town of Alderson has seen a long line of Stewart supporters, celebrity friends and the just-plain-curious make the 12-mile drive off the interstate to see where she spent five months locked up for her part in a stock scandal.

Betty Alderson, who has sold more than 1,300 "West Virginia Living, It's a Good Thing," T-shirts - a play on Stewart's "It's a good thing" catchphrase - said the town needed the economic boost Stewart's celebrity provided.

At $17 each, the shirts helped pay last fall's bills, the Alderson Store owner said. "Every business in town profited," said Alderson, who is married to a descendant of the town's founders.

For Stewart's release, Alderson is selling two new shirt designs and a commemorative mug that reads, "I spent time in Alderson, W.Va."

Fossett Breaks Nonstop Solo Flight Record

SALINA, Kan. (AP) -- First by balloon, now by plane, Steve Fossett is once again a 'round-the-world record holder.

The millionaire adventurer on Thursday became the first person to fly around the world alone without stopping or refueling, touching down in central Kansas after a 67-hour, 23,000-mile journey that appeared endangered at times by a troubled fuel system.

Fossett, who failed five times before successfully circumnavigating the globe solo in a balloon, needed just one try to make the trip in a plane. He holds many other records as a balloonist, pilot and sailor.

Fossett's GlobalFlyer, designed by the same engineer who came up with the Voyager aircraft that first completed the trip in 1986 with two pilots aboard, touched down on the center line at the Salina airport at 1:50 p.m. Thursday.

Immediately after leaving the cockpit, a jubilant Fossett hugged his wife, Peggy, and was congratulated by Sir Richard Branson, the Virgin Atlantic founder who financed the flight.

"That was something I wanted to do for a long time, a major ambition," Fossett said.

Although he looked surprisingly fresh, the millionaire from Chicago said he was tired and ready for a bath and a good meal. He planned to rest before attending a celebration for the crew and supporters Thursday night in Salina.

Closed meeting seen as success among the faculty

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Bellini-Sharp went on to characterize the meeting as a "positive move."

When asked to comment on the fact that the meeting was closed, Professor Thickstun stated that "everything has been so public and volatile in the media, that it has been hard to have a conversation" about recent events.

Thickstun went on to say that not having the press at the meeting was good because faculty members "don't want to give the media any more fuel to make the College look bad."

According to Associate Dean of the Faculty Kirk Pillow, the decision to restrict the meeting to faculty members only was made by the Academic Council. The Academic Council, which Pillow described as an "independent" faculty body, is chaired by Dean of the Faculty David Paris.

Generally, the meeting was regarded as a success among the faculty. Professor Thickstun explained that she thought, "everybody that wanted to speak had the chance," and described the meeting as "very civil, thoughtful, and useful."

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SA, ISC suggest taking ID cards aboard late-night Jitney

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night service. The volunteer passengers will be responsible for limiting the number of passengers as well as for taking ID cards of those aboard the vans and reporting violations, the e-mail said.

Though "pleased" with the idea of a ride-along passenger, Gardner expressed concern about filling the positions.

"From what I understand, the support isn't there from the students who would be riding along in the Jitneys," he said, "and in my mind, mandating members of societies or Student Assembly to do this is troublesome."

In addition, both SA and ISC also support procedural changes to the Jitney service. For example, the SA/ISC plan requires that students physically turn over their campus ID when entering the Jitney. The plan also advocates for a stronger presence of Kirkland police officers, support from the Village Tavern and Don's Rok, and a more standardized Jitney route.

"This is a great opportunity for students to be proactive and solve their own problems," said Blaise, Johnston and Vives in the e-mail. "A student service, with problems caused by students, and solved by students is a testament to our ability to manage ourselves."

Blaise, Johnston and Vives also stressed the need for student responsibility.

"This plan is contingent upon students willing to support the proposed ideas and change their inappropriate actions on the Jitney. In order for this plan to work, students must be responsible for their own actions and must encourage responsibility to their peers," they wrote.

As for last weekend - the first without Jitney service - Director of Campus Safety Patricia Ingalls said that there were "no specific problems" downtown. She checked in with both local police departments and a handful of students, she stated.

Ingalls also noted that several students had served as designated drivers over the weekend. Campus Safety worked together with some of the drivers to facilitate on-campus parking, she said.

"I know of at least six, but there very well could have been more," Ingalls added, noting that many students acted responsibly.

Nevertheless, College officials continue to express concern over the strike.

College President Joan Hinde Stewart and other senior officers discussed the drivers' strike at a Wednesday morning meeting. According to Stewart, the discussion was a "full one" that addressed "various possibilities" for solutions.

"I'm very concerned about it, and I hope we can get the Jitney running again as soon as possible," said Stewart.

Stewart also noted that she has been in touch with Gardner.

The late night Jitneys ran between the College and the Village of Clinton from 10 a.m. until 3 a.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. The strike does not affect the afternoon or evening Jitney service.

Coordinating Council pulls plug on Kirkland Project for remainder of semester

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she asserted, "because you'd have to go through everything every speaker has ever said."

Associate Dean of the Faculty Kirk Pillow, who has been delegated signatory budget authority over the KP since it was revealed that the KP paid Ward Churchill after the cancellation of his speaking engagement, reacted with disappointment to the cancellation.

"The Coordinating Council of the Kirkland Project decided to pull their programming for the remainder of the spring, and that was disappointing to myself because I wanted their programming to continue as planned. But, they have their own reason for pulling the programming, which was to indicate that they are not willing to have their programming continue under conditions of receivership," he stated.

College President Joan Hinde Stewart expressed similar sentiments: "The cancellation of their programming is a disappointment," she said.

Stewart and Pillow both declined to directly address the idea that future KP programming could bring further embarrassment to the College.

The only major event left on the KP's spring calendar was a panel titled "Global Intersections of Class/Race/Gender," featuring Tracy Lai and Elizabeth Martinez and scheduled for today, March 4, 2005. Also canceled are the March 5 workshops with Lai and Martinez and the brown bag lunches sponsored by the KP. According to Garrett, all events cosponsored with other organizations or departments will be held as planned.

Rabinowitz was especially frustrated with the necessity to cancel the March 4 panel, a part of the Class in Context Series.

"It was a very hard decision because we do serve members of the community who are not in the dominant hegemonic group, and so we were sad to withdraw this event with two important women of color," she stated.

With an official review of the KP currently underway, the exact nature of the organization's future remains unclear. Stewart ordered the review in the midst of the Churchill controversy last month to examine the KP's mission, programming, budget and governance. Still, Council members remain cautiously optimistic that the KP will be able to function, at least partially, in the near future.

"At the current time, because of the review, we don't have a director, and so it's difficult to say that we will be able to run a full program in the fall," Garrett stated, adding that she hoped the KP would be able to resume normal programming in the spring of 2006, although she warned that nothing could be set in stone until the official review was complete. She was hopeful that, at the very least, the KP could hold an event for its 10th anniversary and a series of brown bag lunches next fall.

According to Stewart, the faculty committee charged with reviewing the KP may complete their review relatively soon.

"The deadline they have is May 30, but I'm expecting to hear from them earlier than that," Stewart stated.

The Kirkland Project has been at the center of a great deal of controversy dating back to the fall semester of 2004, when public pressure forced invited artist-in-residence Susan Rosenberg to decline her previously accepted invitation to teach a course on memoir writing.

In January 2005, *The Spectator* was the first media source to report the nature of comments Churchill had made about the victims of 9/11 in an essay titled "Some People Push Back." Amidst a national media buzz that followed, Stewart has ordered a review of the KP and later asked Rabinowitz to step down as the organization's director, a post she held for eight years.

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"Older than the New York Times"

Looking ahead to this weekend's series of trustee meetings, it almost seems inevitable - they're going to raise our tuition. Indeed, after doing so consecutively for the past several years, raising tuition is something we students are unfortunately no longer surprised by. The inevitability of the higher and higher cost of a Hamilton education is not, however, something that should be taken lightly.

For many students, the decision of where to apply to college is very much dependent on how much the school costs to attend. After careful consideration, and in many cases stretching every last penny to make attending Hamilton College possible, the trustees raise the price of tuition. While we do not doubt that the College is in need of the extra funds generated by higher tuition prices, doing so each year places a burden on many Hamilton stuents.

Instead, the College should adopt a policy of freezing tuition costs for each entering class. For example, if the tuition for the Class of 2009 is advertised as $35,000, it should remain at that price all four years the Class of 2009 attends Hamilton. If the College then needs to raise tuition, let them do so for the next class, keeping in mind that this number will also remain fixed for that class. Necessarily, tuition may need to be raised more each year for the incoming class than it is currently raised each year for the student body as a whole to compensate for the smaller number of students actually paying the increase.

Part of financing a college tuition comes from planning ahead, which becomes increasingly difficult if we cannot predict the tuition increase from year to year. If Hamilton locks the tuition into a set price for each class year, students and their parents can plan ahead accurately and not have to worry about whether they have to transfer at the end of a year because the hike is too much. Students come to Hamilton understanding what tuition costs. They may not be aware, however, that that price will likely increase three times before they graduate. Freezing tuition for each class would create a "what-you-see is what-you-get" system.

A school that prides itself on diversity, as Hamilton does, should recognize that preservation of diversity occurs by allowing all types of students the opportunity to attend. By raising tuition every year, the window of opportunity slams shut for many students each year. Kids who could contribute so much to the campus are forced to look elsewhere, and the students on campus miss out on meeting some potentially great friends.

A premium education comes at a premium cost, and we understand that. We know as well as anyone what a great job our faculty and staff do and how important it is to pay them what they deserve. We are fully aware that our tuition dollars go towards some great things at Hamilton. But, the drawbacks of annual tuition increases are numerous. Perhaps the bookkeepers of Hamilton can come up with an alternative way to generate the necessary revenue, allowing students a little more financial flexibility throughout their Hamilton careers.

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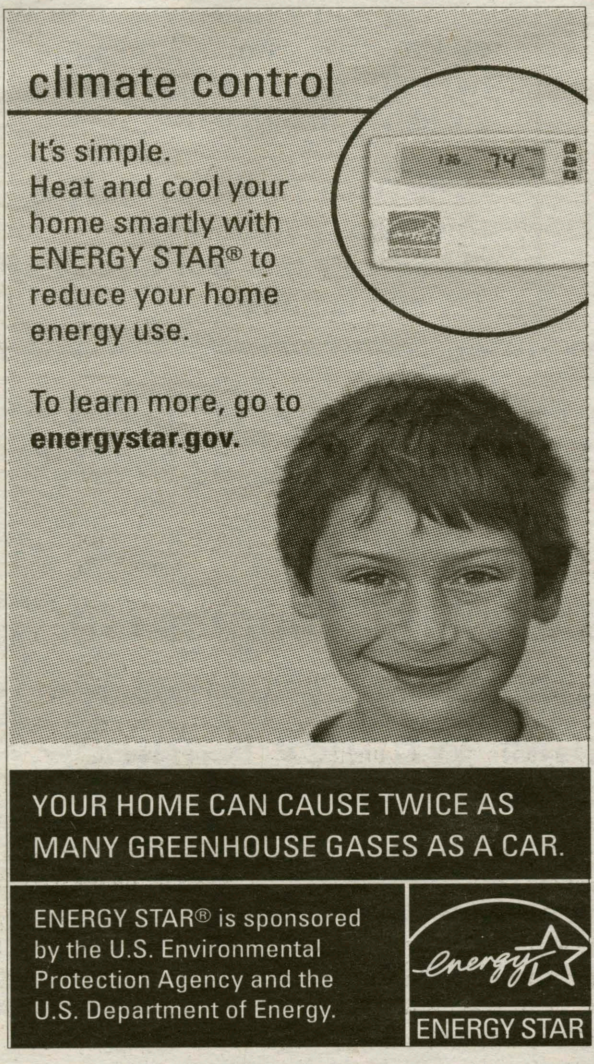

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Hey Hamilton: pimp my ride

by Michael Signorelli '05
INSIGHTS & IDEAS CONTRIBUTOR

"As you are most likely aware, there will be no late night Jitney service. We hope the community will stay safe. Please do not drink and drive. We implore you to act responsibly and to encourage responsibility to the people around you." The Hamilton community received the above message in an e-mail on Thursday, February 24. The next day the Hamilton College Judicial Board reiterated this message in another e-mail, reminding students of the grave disciplinary consequences of drunk driving by stating that, "There is no excuse for drunk driving," and a policy of "zero-tolerance" is in effect. While the school is obviously concerned with student well-being, canceling late-night Jitney service was an action counterintuitive to the goal of student safety. How, in any way, does this not promote drunk driving?

The reason given for the Jitney service cancellation was that drivers were subjected to an unfair, unsafe, intolerable environment created by students riding as passengers. Now this is, without a doubt, a problem that needs to stop. There is nothing safe about a wagon of drunks doing all they can to distract the one sober person present. Also, no student should have to tolerate harassment by other students, not to mention while doing them an indispensable service. By canceling the late-night Jitney the school has eliminated this problem, but has created an even more unacceptable environment. (I refrain from expounding on why no late-night Jitney is a problem. It seems quite obvious that if there is not an evening transportation service then students WILL drive drunk. No further explanation needed.) However, other, more intelligent measures should have been taken in order to solve the problems of driver harassment and driving while intoxicated.

First off, students should not be driving other students. It creates a relationship of perverse servitude and subjection that should not exist on any campus. Just as third-party caterers have been implemented in on-campus parties, so too should they be implemented here. Colgate University has contracted a total of three 21-passenger vans through Birnie Bus Service Inc. of Rome, New York. The University provides late-night shuttle service six days a week to popular campus locations and downtown destinations. There are no student drivers. Even the twits at Middlebury offer the service Midd Rides. And like Colgate, and the former Hamilton Jitney, Midd Rides provides transportation to students and college community members. However, unlike the Jitney, clear-cut ride restrictions exist. "The Midd Rides' van can accommodate only 10 passengers at one time... All passengers must be seated and wear their safety belts as required by Vermont state law and Middlebury College policy. The Midd Rides' van will not operate if all passengers are not seated and wearing their safety belts" (web.middlebury.edu/offices/security/MiddRides.htm). Ride restrictions should exist at Hamilton. If an intoxicated student is behaving inappropriately by pissing in a cup or taking off his or her clothes or punching the driver, they should be kicked off and made to walk home. Only with a third-party service will these restrictions be enforced properly.

Fortunately, no deaths occurred this past weekend. No one was arrested. We're all alive despite the blundering ineptitude of a misguided administration. In fact, students took safety into their own hands. Amidst a tiresome war of attrition being waged by the school against Greeks, their pledges (those beautiful little cherubs) took care of us and our friends. They stayed sober. Why? Because we told them to. And they showed when we called for them. (I never drove the Jitney, but I did pledge).

Not everyone is a Greek, however. And all students deserve a reliable, sober ride. Marcello Curridori, Transportation Service Manager at Wesleyan, said, concerning the RIDE service provided there, that "some people used to call the shuttle the drunk van, and, you can call it what you want but I think we have an obligation to fill" (www.wesleyan.edu/argus/archives/2004.09.10/dateyear/n3.html). Hamilton College, I charge you to your obligation. Serve the students. Do not alienate us from our rights. Reinstate a late-night shuttle service before something terrible happens.

SPECIAL THUMBS UP FLASH BACK: the best of Chris Preston '03 and Paul P. '03

Thumbs Up

- It's not a bird, it's not a plane, it's the blue crane!! (12/06/02)

- Horner's new Thanksgiving pick-up line: "Girl, I'll stuff yo' turkey" (11/15/02)

- Seeing your RA getting double-teamed on Agginazation (10/04/02)

- Hansel-- he's so hot right now (01/13/03)

-The ATX Clothing Drive ... a creative way for these 'refined young lades' to coax us into giving them their clothes back (01/31/03)

Thumbs Down

- Physical Plant plowing the snow about as much as Justinio plows Hamilton chicks (12/06/02)

- The prospect of having an extended Artin's Way eliminating our beloved Womyn's Center (11/01/02)

- War with Iraq possibly pre-empting March Madness ... hell, let's just bomb 'em today, 'cause our four favorite letters are N-C-A-A not P-J-A-G (02/28/03)

- "Liiiike, could it get any colder?" - Jason Wellen '0? (01/24/03)

Who Cares?

- PBX's new war slogan for ATX: "When fired upon, fire back!!!" (11/01/02)

- People who say, "No one loves me" everyday when they don't receive mail ... you're right, mommy should have aborted you (10/04/02)

- Freshman a capella singers also on the crew team ... I mean honestly, can it get any more pathetic? (02/28/03)

- The Diner Dick Guy and the Commons Zamboni Guy discovering that true love was just one dining hall away (V-Day, '03)

Don't think Thumbs Up/Thumbs Down has been funny this year? (Yeah, we don't either). Do you miss the good ol' days of Chris Preston and Paul P. Jones? Want to do something about it? Here's your chance!

There will be a CONTEST to see who can write the best Thumbs Up/ Thumbs Down. Submissions should pertain to THIS WEEK (3/04/05-3/12/05) and can be sent anytime over spring break to either Whitney Kimmel (wkimmel) or Brit Chase (bchase).

Submissions will be run the week following spring break and then will be voted on by *The Spectator* editorial board. The winning Thumbs Up/Down writers will recieve a free pizza (from the provider of their choice) and an opportunity to write weekly for Thumbs up/Thumbs down for the rest of the semester.

So go on, take your best jab!

You are the problem

by Lisa Magnarelli '96
DIRECTOR OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES

You.

You are the problem.

You are the reason the late night Jitney drivers are on strike, and you are the only people who can fix it.

Don't get me wrong; by "you" I don't mean all students. I know there are folks out there who have never used the late night Jitney. But, if you've ever been in the Jitney with an open container, emptied your beer in the van, or puked on the floor, then I'm talking about you. If you've ever grabbed the Campus Safety radio or cursed at the driver because s/he wouldn't take you where you wanted to go, then I'm talking about you. If you've ever chased the Jitney or run into the road to try and stop it, then I'm talking about you. If you've ever witnessed any of these behaviors and laughed or looked the other way, then I'm talking about you.

On Monday night I listened to Student Assembly discuss the reasons for dissolving the Social Honor Code Committee. Remember the Social Honor Code? It was supposed to cure the campus of vandalism and damage according to a lot of students at last year's Adler Conference. As it turns out, "The College" didn't take away hard alcohol, so students don't need to support the Social Honor Code. You know what else? Campus damage hasn't changed either. O.U.R. was committed to reducing campus damage by half. Well, O.U.R. is o.u.t., and campus damage rates are higher than they were this time last year.

But you say "The College" shouldn't interfere with your ability to drink.

Back to the Jitney. Most of you are missing the point. "The College" didn't cancel the Jitney. The drivers could no longer guarantee you a safe ride up and down the hill because of your behavior. This is a behavior issue. This is a "stop being a jackass" issue. How is "The College" supposed to fix this? "The College" can't make the drivers drive again....it's clearly not safe. Buying a bus and hiring a driver does not address the problem. It simply provides more seats for badly behaved people. A professional driver, driving under the current conditions, will run away screaming. Why do you think it's been so difficult for groups to find buses for off campus parties? Why do you think it costs almost $300...wait, you're going to lose your deposit... almost $450 per bus?

The Jitney has gone on strike and "The College" is supposed to swoop in and save the day? "The College," "The Administration," the people you don't want interfering with your social lives or your fun, are supposed to make sure you have a ride to and from the VT? We're supposed to let you walk around with open containers, drink underage, party wherever you want and "break shit" whenever you get the urge? And then we're supposed to cart you back up the Hill after you've had too much to drink? Can we tuck you in and get you a glass of water before bed, too?

The Jitney is a student initiative. It started many years ago as a means of providing transportation for students on campus without cars. Over time it morphed into the late night drunk bus it has now become. And it was all because of student initiative. Students recognized the need for this service - not just the need for transportation to the mall, but also the need for safe rides home. "The College" has supported this endeavor since its inception. "The College" has provided funding, assisted with its organization and generally supported the Jitney service. But make no mistake, the Jitney is a student-coordinated service. The reason the Jitney has worked is because students coordinated it for other students. It has stopped working because badly behaved students take it for granted and act like idiots, ultimately creating an unsafe environment for drivers and passengers. Students behaving badly have caused the drivers to go on strike. You did this. It is up to you to fix it.

(What I'm about to say should be considered "Lisa's Opinion" and does not necessarily represent the views of "The College"...although I hope it does.) Last week's editorial stated "that it is the College's responsibility to do everything in its power to prevent drunk driving." I whole-heartedly disagree. I believe it is the College's responsibility to educate you about the dangers of DUI and to help you make good choices. Driving drunk is a bad choice. If you are old enough to choose to drink, then you are old enough to figure out how to get home. No one's forcing you to drink and drive because no one forced you to go down to the bar in the first place. Are you seriously going to tell me that you can't take one night off from drinking to protect your friends? You can't give up one night a semester to ride-a-long in the Jitney to make sure it's safe? You can't tell your friend to stop when s/he says something stupid to a driver or tries to chase a van?

This is an opportunity for you to take initiative. It means making a few sacrifices and holding one another accountable, but I know you can do it. I see it every day. I have a job because you are involved in an unbelievable number of activities, organizations and programs. You are incredibly talented, motivated and creative. Case in point - the documentary that premiered last Friday night - organized, created and executed by students. Sure, they had some help, but it was initiated and accomplished entirely by students. That's why it was a huge success, and it's why I love my job. Nothing my office could ever program would fill an auditorium with that kind of enthusiasm.

If you want the Jitney drivers to resume service, then you have to step up and address the problem. Get involved. Get creative. You've got to change the behavior that caused the strike in the first place. If you want "The College" to let you socialize in your residence halls, then you have to stop destroying them. If you want "The College" to continue to have a liberal alcohol policy, then you have to prove you can behave like adults.

"The College" is ready to support the Jitney. The drivers, if provided a safe environment, are ready to drive. Do you want a safe ride home? If you do, address the problem. Address the behavior. No one can remedy this system but you.

Sad ending to the story...Kirkland Project cancels remaining events

by Britten Chase '05
INSIGHTS & IDEAS EDITOR

I know what you're thinking. You are thinking to yourself, "Self, I think I can, I think I can, I think I can. Make it through one more week and then I can leave this place (North Pole) and go somewhere where they have this totally awesome concept they call...spring. I hear persistent rumors that flowers, green grass, sun, and warm weather may or may not be involved." Now keep that faith. But bear with me, because it seems you may have missed the kind-of-big-yet-somewhat-anti-climatic announcement last week.

The Kirkland Project... hey now, I saw that. The very mention of the Kirkland Project caused your eyes to glaze over, your heart to palpitate, and your eyes to instinctively start searching desperately for another article to read. So before I lose you, as part of the college's new found mission (Do Not Piss Anyone Off for the Rest of the Semester, or DNPAORS), the Kirkland project announced just last week that it will be canceling all its remaining programs for the semester in order to save its speakers from ridiculously anal scrutiny, the college from round number 432 with FOX News, and finally to save President Stewart space in her e-mail to receive St. Patrick's Day e-cards.

::takes breath::

Some of you may be thinking that is appropriate. After all, the college does have two pretty big strikes on it due to Kirkland Project activities. Maybe we should just quit while we're ahead. And since that's not possible, we should just quit before Hamilton College turns into the nation's favorite reusable piñata.

But this is actually very unfortunate. The Kirkland Project does a lot more on this campus than bring in controversial speakers (nut jobs?) and movies in KJ. They sponsor panel discussions, offer courses, help with community service projects, and set up the brown bag lunch discussions. All these activities, with the exception of courses people have already enrolled in, have been canceled.

Now I understand that people are really upset about the events that have gone down this year. Better choices should have been made, and damage has been done to this institution. But now is the time to show resolve. Now is the time to come together. I promise you that no one is watching this campus anymore, and it is our chance to pull together and heal as a community. Do not sink to the level of those that wish to degrade us. Do not let your frustration consume you. And most importantly, do not find a scapegoat in brown bag lunches.

You cannot legitimately place the blame on peanut butter and jelly.

Although you have to admit, if a peanut butter and jelly sandwich could give lectures, and it decided to come to Hamilton College, we'd probably discover that peanut butter and jelly sandwiches were actually the mastermind behind some child pornography ring. PB&J would be ousted. Jelly would no longer be offered in commons. It would be discovered that Peanut Butter lied on his resume in order to receive condiment status. T-shirts would be made imploring alumni to trust students to make their own snacks.

And the nation would never eat peanut butter and jelly again. And blame Hamilton College for it.

Jerks.

There is a happy ending though. PB&J would go on to lecture at other campuses without incident.

For real though, the Kirkland Project offers many services to the campus, and many of these services are vital to Hamilton and the surrounding communities. This is the kind of stuff the Kirkland Project is about, and this is the kind of stuff you don't see on TV. It is too bad that these programs a) never got the same limelight the controversies did, and b) are going to suffer because of those controversial events.

It's kind of ironic too. No matter which side of Academic Freedom Throwdown 2005 you were on, one thing everyone on this campus agreed with was that at least these events really opened discussion on campus. But did you know that open, insightful discussions like the ones we have had on Rosenberg and Churchill have been going on this entire time (just on a smaller scale)? These discussions, the ones that make a small liberal arts education worth it, are (were) brought to you courtesy of the Kirkland Project. Say what you want about Kirkland; that they are communist, separatist, and represent a plot to brainwash all students into putting up Tibetan prayer flags and living off soy milk and granola. But they know how to bring diverse areas of campus together and talk about what we as a community lack and how we can make our corner of the world better. See Adler Conference.

Now the future of the Kirkland Project is uncertain. It's an interesting time on campus, in the sense that we may not have the power to bring Kirkland back. But there is good news. We do have the ability to continue the campus discussion of class issues, race issues, and academic freedom. We as a community have the brains to discuss these issues; we now need to make sure that we provide the means to do so.

The school can pull the leash on Kirkland, but it is our responsibility to keep up the good things that Kirkland instilled in our community.

Problem solving 101

by Whitney Kimmel '08
INSIGHTS & IDEAS EDITOR

One would think that as bright, young students at one of the Nation's most prestigious liberal arts school, we could handle campus situations in a mature fashion. Yes, ladies and gentlemen - it's true - we should be acting our ages, not our shoe sizes.

Now, I don't know about you... but I don't think lying down in front of a motor vehicle (say...a Jitney, perhaps?) is ever a good idea. It's sort of like how I would expect my younger nieces and nephews to throw things and whine and spit on people when they're upset - which believe me, is part of the reason I don't like children - but college-aged adults acting in this fashion? Let's get serious.

I'm not saying said students aren't warranted in their agitation - and I'm not about to say that if I were a late night driver that I wouldn't have left those students in a snow drift somewhere on Corn Hill before heading back to campus... but the fact of the matter is, we're missing a crucial point in this situation. Communication.

Instead of talking about law suits and who will be responsible for the deaths of young drunk drivers or going on strike until further notice, withholding an obviously valuable and necessary student service with no means of alternate transportation, we should have been communicating with each other and addressing the problem before creating yet another campus uproar. Personally, I side with the drivers. However, I know what it's like to get left behind at Alfredo's after the bus pulls away taking three fourths of the waiting students back to campus. It sucks, but the bus (and the Jitney) will come back. Don't worry. You're not stranded. I promise.

This problem of communication has occured before. Late last semester there were thoughts of keeping KJ open 24/7 under the condition that students could keep the facility clean and well maintained. Of course, a chair was misplaced and that ended that idea. But the point is, we were given an opportunity. We talked about an idea and received the corresponding response based on our behavior. We could have talked about the Jitneys first too. Even if nothing would have come of it, expressing these concerns (either the saftey of the drivers, or students' frustration at being left at the VT an extra 20 minutes) might have been a wise first step.

I know there is always the temptation to pursue a fiery crusade - suddenly taking up arms against obnoxious drunks and full vans everywhere as the case may be - but students might have considered confronting the drivers first (no, I mean when you were sober). Or Student Assembly or the drivers could have implemented a "3 strike" policy so we could have proven how much we actually appreciate their service and shown that we have the ability to act like intelligent human beings.

To be honest, I'm a little disappointed that some previous action or gentle persuasion didn't take place before the situation made headlines. These are the reasons we have a Student Assembly. As a side note: this is what they do best.

I know we're working with Student Assembly now, but there is that (however slight) possibility that with an ultimatum or at least a warning, the aforementioned students would have realized late night Jitney was a favor - not their right - and this situation could have been avoided all together.

I would hate to think that we don't have the ability to behave on the Jitney (no matter how many hours we've been at the VT), and it seems to me that this issue is not just about our behavior, but campus climate in general. Of course, this has all been said before... but shouldn't we be able to leave KJ open to students at all times? Appreciate students who give up their weekend nights to drive our favorite booze hounds around? Talk to each other about issues without turning them into a seemingly unsolvable debate? Or even on a larger scale: avoid sending our neighbors/hall mates hateful letters because we don't understand their lifestyles? Breaking a window (or two or three or four) in Milbank? There's no doubt that we could all still have a good time without these types of incidents.

This isn't a naive thought people - I'm talking about common courteousy, not world peace. But honestly, how difficult is it to throw your beer can in the trash instead of at a window?

Never mind a social honor code (my feelings on the flaws in that idea are another article)... how about some personal responsibility? If each person would just pause and think about the consequences of their actions for the campus -- for themselves -- this would be a much nicer place to live. There's nothing wrong with being upset because you can't get home when you want to after a night of partying. It's how the issue was addressed that becomes the problem. Likewise, the drivers are absolutely justified in their desire to just drop the service all together, but it would have been nice to have a warning first.

It's true: students are creating unsafe driving conditions in the Jitneys which not only puts their own lives in danger (perhaps not to the extent of driving drunk but it sure isn't the best way to get home either), but the lives of the four drivers who commit to driving every weekend because they feel it's a strong student-service that could make an impact on the school.

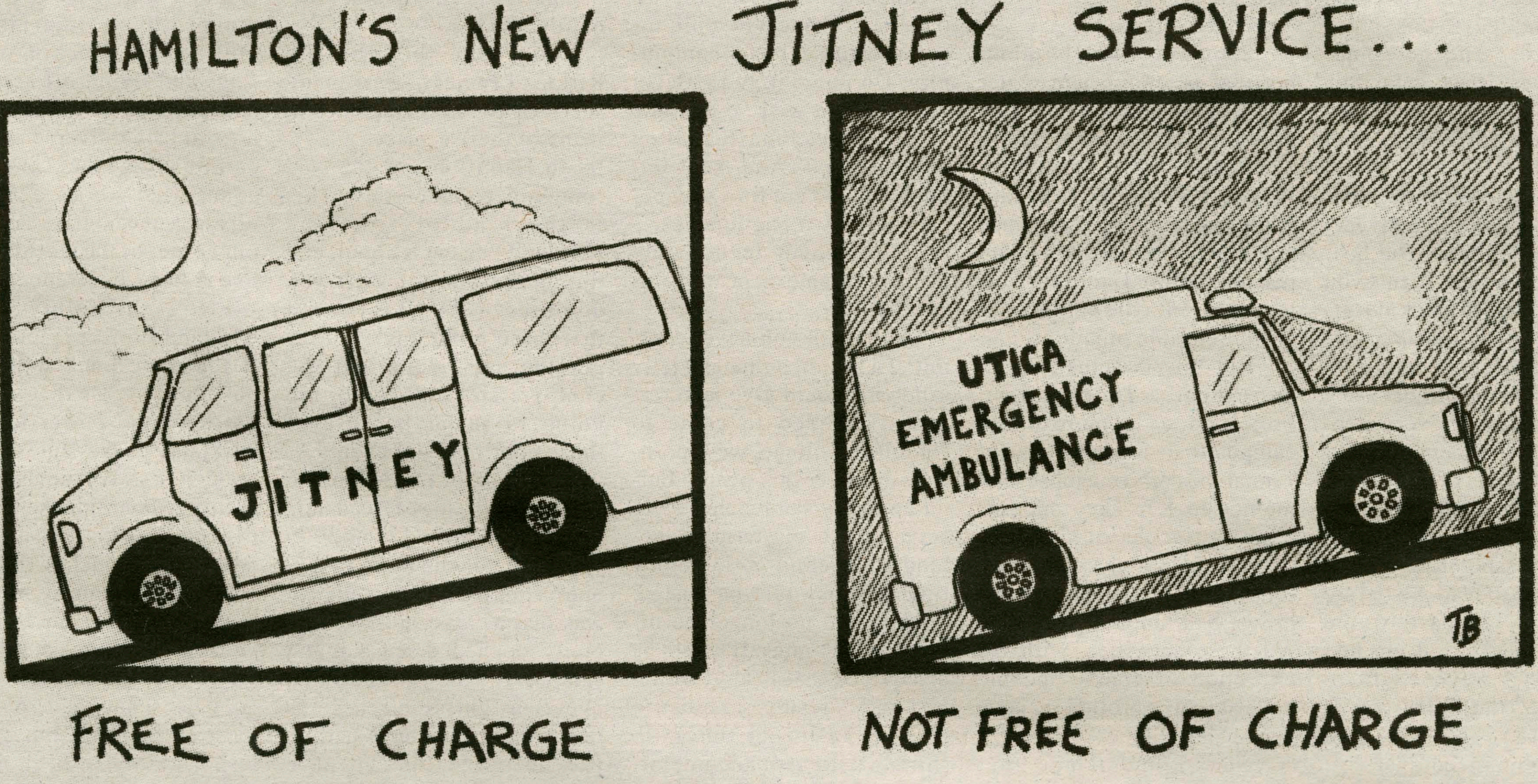
And of course, taking away such transportation does put a lot of liability risk on the College (although, it is illegal to drive drunk regardless of where you are... but lets be realistic) - - it's not their responsiblity to babysit us either.

But beyond those things: should we even have to be addressing these issues?

It's a lot easier not to hold yourself accountable ("I was drunk, there wasn't room, they are being childish, etc.") - and let's face it - there isn't a person out there who wants to walk the straight and narrow all the time (I sure as hell don't), but it might be a good place to start. A good thought to keep in the back of our minds. We're all responsible for the situation at hand, and it's a little late for pointing fingers. So maybe we should just focus on what's best for the campus in the future. And who knows - we might even start getting treated like the adults we all say we are.

Drawing Criticism

Tom Booth '06



Letters to the editor

Dear Editor,

In fairness, the Alum(s) who perished in 9/11 should be mentioned in connection to the controversy around Ward Churchill and the lack of oversight, judgment and balance in speakers brought to Hamilton. Sylvia San Pio (who later married and took her husband's surname) was a member of my class and a distinguished student. As the "chickens came home to roost" Sylvia was one of the "Little Eichmanns" who perished.

Nathaniel Schutz '96

Dear Current Hamilton Students,

Although it has been many years since I attended Hamilton, and I do not include myself in a list of involved alumni, I wanted to respond in some way to the letters I have received recently from President Stewart and the Executive Committee of the Student Assembly.

I think it may help some of you that are close to and affected by the recent events surrounding Ward Churchill, to hear that having had Hamilton occupy a certain place in our lives for many years, involved alumni or otherwise, that the recent series of unfortunate events will not change our attitude towards the school.

It is not some brief mention of my alma mater by the news media that forms my opinion of Hamilton. It is primarily the memories of years I spent there; kept alive by the constant reminders I receive in my mailbox in the form of the Alumni News and ever present requests for money.

So please, whatever you are all going through up on that chilly hill, don't worry that those of us that have moved on have suddenly developed a negative opinion of the school. We have not.

Hamilton will get through this and go on.

Susanne Krivit '79

Dear Editor,

I wish your college community good luck as it struggles with the fallout from the controversy over the cancellation of Professor Churchill's visit to your campus and seeks to find its way on the issue of academic freedom. My hope is that you find the courage of your convictions overcomes those who would stifle free speech.

It is truly sad that a respected leader at your college such as Professor Nancy Sorkin Rabinowitz had to step down as the head of your Kirkland Project under fire for this attempt at suppression of free speech. I also wanted to share with you my letter to Professor Churchill, the essence of which I shared with the president of your college, the chancellor of the University of Colorado, their student newspaper and the governor of Colorado.

I found the thoughts of one of your students at your college's recent forum as written in the February 11 issue of *The Spectator* to be quite refreshing and encouraging. She said something to the effect that "one of the main things that Hamilton teaches us to do is to critically think and to take two sides of an argument". I feel that this is the essence of academic freedom and that attempts to stifle it through outside censorship, self-censorship, intimidation, threats of violence and criminal acts to be reprehensible and to assaults on us all as Americans and as individuals.

While I believe that it is a misguided analogy to paint the victims of 9/11 as "little Eichmanns", I still believe that you have the right to express your opinions. A federal judge recently ruled that right-wing Christian protestors have the right to protest (loudly and aggressively, apparently) at gay parades even as one of the exonerated protestors quoted in the courtroom from the Bible a despicable line that implies that homosexuals be put to death. This same judge, in his ruling, commented upon the right of neo-Nazis to protest freely, the Klu Klux Klan to do the same and other similar incendiary and marginal groups of hateful zealots.

On a personal level, I find it horrible and unspeakably tragic that we lost so many lives at home in the 9/11 tragedies and my heart goes out to each and every one of those victims, as well as their families and friends, of what may have been a preventable tragedy. May they rest in peace. Similarly, my heart goes out to the victims of our occasionally ill-advised or misguided foreign and economic policies worldwide. A life lost is a life lost and all are tragic to the victims and their loved ones.

A recent writer wrote in your paper in an article dated February 6 that "historians hate inept comparisons and bad ideas painted with broad strokes, and that is all Churchill knows." How then, I ask this writer, will history view our current President whose entire premise for this invasion was predicated upon inapt (and I might add, inaccurate, flawed, and untrue) comparisons and an overabundance of bad ideas painted with the broadest of strokes. I argue that if a case can be made for removing Mr Churchill from his position an even stronger case can be made for impeaching our President for dereliction of duty. Tens of thousand of lives have been lost—American and otherwise while tens and, ultimately hundreds of billions of dollars will have been siphoned away all in the name of this fatally flawed invasion.

I commend you for your courage to express your opinion in this environment. I am expressing my most profound disappointment in Colorado's state governor for calling for Churchill's firing and hope that he either retracts that statement or is held accountable for it in his next election bid. I am also expressing my profound disappointment in the Hamilton College administration for cancelling the speech as well.

Good luck to you as you fight this attempt to stifle your voice. Good luck as well to all enlightened Americans who truly believe in what this country and its far-sighted founding fathers really stand for. The entire academic world will be watching to see where the University of Colorado stands on the Constitution.

Dennis Rosinski
Michigan

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Whit and Brit would like to take this opportunity to wish you a fabulous spring break.
Oh yeah...and write for us. Please.
e-mail wkimmel or bchase

Gear change up: HamTrek is back!

by Britten Chase '05
INSIGHTS & IDEAS EDITOR

The snow may still be falling, but thoughts on campus have already turned to days of flip-flops and going swimming. Then maybe riding a bike. A pleasant run could follow. For Hamiltonians praying for sunlight, warm weather, and a fun physical challenge HamTrek, Hamilton's own sprint triathlon, will return to the hill on May 6, 2005. While flip flops are not recommended, Hamilton's newest Class and Charter Day tradition is coming back bigger and better.

HamTrek is open to anyone in the Hamilton community and designed for everyone. Participants can choose to complete the course individually, or find a couple friends and have each person take an event. It is a big enough challenge that the stronger athletes are challenged, while the more leisurely contendors do not have to worry about possible death. The competitive yet friendly atmosphere attracted over two hundred participants and volunteers to last year's first Ham Trek.

This year HamTrek looks to expand on last year's success and become even bigger. A core group of students is working closely and tirelessly with the Athletic Department, the Bike Co-op and Student Activities to put on a great event open to anyone and everyone in the Hamilton community.

Organizers of Class and Charterday festivities are working closely with the HamTrek committee to center campus festivities, such as the all campus bar-b-que, around the finish area of the triathlon. HamTrek organizers are also anticipating more competitors in both the team and individual competitions this year, and are in the process of coming up with means to accomadate the increasing interest.

The route from last year will stay the same. Organizers believe it is safe, easy to follow, and still offers a good challenge to all the athletes.

The Trek course starts off in Bristol pool, where participants splash and dash for 525 yards. They then hop on their bikes for a few laps around the Griffin Road/Campus Road loop; a total of twelve miles. Once the biking is completed, participants take to Hamilton's cross country course for the 5 kilometer run around the golf course. They then loop back and finish the race on the football field where hundreds of fans, cookies, glasses of water, and most importantly a place to collapse awaits them.

Prizes are given to the top eight male and female individual competitors, the top three male teams, the top three female teams, the top three co-ed teams, and to the best-themed team. A raffle that takes place also gives all those that participated in HamTrek a chance to win prizes such as a digital cameral, a DVD player, and biggest of all, a new Trek bike (kind of like the one Lance rides).

> All HamTrek participants will have a chance to win prizes such as a digital camera, a DVD player and, best of all, a new Trek bike - kind of like the one Lance rides.

As anticipation for this year's HamTrek increases, organizers are doing everything they can to make sure that no one is left out of the excitement. Organizers encourage everyone to bring their bike back with them from break. For those who are worried about leaving their bike in their dorm, HamTrek has storage where people can safely leave their bikes. Just make sure you have a lock. For those that do not have a bike, HamTrek will find one for you (see Trek contact info below).

Registration for the event will begin when students return to the Hill from spring break. Participants get a free t-shirt, water bottle, and towel that can be handy for the competition. Swim clinics will be offered by the Athletic Department, and bike rides will be offered by members of the Bike Co-op for those that want to learn better technique or scout out the course to get a leg up on the competition.

For now, start thinking about that training, and more importantly, bring that bike back from break.

If you have any questions about the event, comments, or any random insight, send an e-mail to hamtrek@hamilton.edu.

Learning, living and loving it in New York City

by Kate Mayhew '05
FEATURES WRITER

In Frank Sinatra's famous words, their "little town blues have melted away." In Bob Dylan's rather convoluted mind, they are in for a "rocking, reeling, rolling ride," and according to the ever-articulate work of Ja Rule, it is only a matter of time before they regularly carry "a hundred guns, a hundred clips." "They" are the Hamilton students participating in the New York City program, and their days (in the program, of course) are numbered.

This past semester, 15 of Hamilton's finest tore themselves away from the cozy snow-globe we lovingly call the Hill to embark on a journey that many would consider far more daunting. Even post-9/11, these students have chosen to investigate a city that trumps (and Trump-Towers) Clinton a thousand times over. The program itself centers on individual internships assigned to each student, which range in fields from finance (Lehman Brothers and Archery Capital), to media (*Vogue* Magazine and N.B.C.), to advertising (Saatchi & Saatchi).

The students earn one entire credit for this 32-hour a week internship, with the remaining three being earned by attending two seminars weekly and writing a rather large and extensive paper based upon an independent project. Each semester boasts a different theme and is directed by professors in varying Hamilton departments. Professor of Anthropology Henry Rutz, this semester's director, chose the theme: "Cultures of Globalization." According to Rutz, "'cultures of globalization' refer to the global re-valuation and re-cognition of national cultures. We see this process in the changing understandings of national culture and the increase in intranational conflict."

Rutz expressed his own delight and surprise in the unwavering determination of Hamilton students to experience the Big Apple, in spite of the events of 9/11 and in the face of the city's current instability. In fact, Rutz claims that the environment has come to embody a world of learning experiences shaped by recent events in the city. "The new immigrants add so much to living, working and learning in the city. It is an anthropologist's dream. New Yorkers are fond of saying, 'If you want a good education, just walk out the door,'" Rutz explained.

Yet our beloved Hamiltonians are doing more than just walking around the city. A number of the New York interns took time from their busy schedules to share some of their more unorthodox stories with *The Spectator*. Oddly enough, New York City appears to offer a vast array of people, places and experiences that aren't available in Clinton.

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Paritipants of the NYC Program have (another) night on the town; they are at a jazz club in Manhattan.

Katherine Riposta '06, interning at the very large advertising agency McCann Erickson Worldwide, extols the benefits of the New York program, as she has been able to get her feet wet marketing drugs for large pharmaceutical companies.

Tucker Hutchinson '07 interns at Lehman Brothers, a large finance company in mid-town Manhattan, a phrase loaded with meaning for the seasoned New Yorker, but is rendered meaningless to the rube from Clinton. Tucker is up, dressed in a dark suit and tie and in mid-town by 8:00 a.m. every morning, a "huge shift from life at Hamilton," he said.

Originally hailing from the slower-paced West coast, Tucker is taking advantage of the vast differences New York City boasts when compared to his hometown of Sonoma, California. Says Tucker: "Since I got here in mid-January, I have visited the Met twice, the Whitney twice, the Frick Collection once, the Natural History Museum twice, and the New York Historical Society once. I have been to the Symphony, seen four Broadway plays and one very, very off-Broadway play. I've walked countless blocks and miles of Central Park pathway."

Ingrid Tharasook '07, a women's studies and anthropology major, was more wary of the city and her internship at Fortune Small Business magazine. Yet she, like Tucker, came to find a place for herself among the team of professionals at her place of work. Ingrid's love of the city stemmed more from her place of residence however: "As for the apartments: they are posh! I feel like I'm living in a five-star hotel."

Katrina Fredlund '06, working for Hamilton alum Nathana Josephs' public relations and food service company, shared some personal anecdotes a la Small-town Girl (Sherman, Connecticut) in the Big City. Fredlund and roommate, fellow junior Kiersten Schmitt, had left the window to their apartment's living room wide open one afternoon, only to find a New York pigeon, making itself comfortable on their couch. Says Katrina: "Even though we don't leave the window open as wide anymore, the bird, who has been named Russ, has flown in two more times. I'm ready to invest in screens."

And so the interns of Hamilton College continue to navigate the dangers of the city, be they early work call, pigeons or "standing next to a mob of drag queens at 5 a.m. on the subway." (True story, courtesy of Tucker Hutchinson!) What adventures will they face next? As Sinatra says, "It's up to you, New York, New York."

What are upcoming programs studying?

Fall 2005:
"Protecting the Global City: Consequences of the War on Terror on New York City" with Professor of Government and Law Frank Anechiarico.

Spring 2006:
"The Ethics of Globalization: Global Gun, Global Butter" with Professor of Philosophy Rick Werner

Getting green at Hamilton

by Britten Chase '05
INSIGHTS & IDEAS EDITOR

When Associate Professor of Biology and plant biologist Bill Pfitsch first came to Hamilton, having a greenhouse built was at the top of his wishlist. Sixteen years later, he finally got one.

Hopefully Pfitsch is not too picky about what his "green" house looks like: Hamilton's new greenhouse, a beautiful, state-of-the-art facility, is hardly green. Indeed, with a small fig tree and tomato plant, two cacti and a few lupines, this facility, though it has great potential, has a long road to travel before it begins to look like the greenhouse it is destined to one day become.

Although Pfitsch is in charge of the greenhouse project, he knew he could not take on such a massive project by himself. In late January he sent out an e-mail, recruiting Hamilton students and faculty to help him with the project. The e-mail simply read, "If you've ever wanted to learn about growing plants, or you just want an excuse to get your hands dirty, or to spend some time in the sun but out of the cold ... then come to [a Hamilton Greenhouse] organizational meeting...in the new Science Building. No experience necessary!"

On January 20, Pfitsch was nearly knocked off his feet at the first meeting for the greenhouse project. Apparently his e-mail was more persuasive than he thought it would be. Anticipating only 5 to ten people would show up to the meeting, Pfitsch was pleasantly surprised when nearly 4 to 5 times that number crammed into one of the Science Building's Chemistry labs.

At the meeting, Pfitsch explained that the short-term goal of the project was to "Green the House" by getting plants into it as soon as possible. The long-term goal "is to develop plant collections for the three 'diversity rooms' of the greenhouse," which will provide plants for Biology classes and educational outreach to the greater community. In addition, he hopes the greenhouse will be a place that people will enjoy visiting to admire and learn about plant-life.

Since January, students, faculty and community members have been working hard to get the greenhouse up and running. The greenhouse has 5 rooms in all; in addition to the desert, temperate and tropical rooms, it also has a slightly larger teaching lab and research house. Volunteers have divided into groups in order to facilitate the process of collecting different types of plants for the "desert:" temperate, and tropical rooms of the greenhouse. The 3 groups are currently working hard researching and finding plants, obtaining them economically, arranging them and planting and taking care of them.

In the desert room, headed by Dan Cafarelli '06 and Professor of English Patricia O'Neill there will be cacti, succulents, shrubs, and desert annuals.

Emily Starr '06 and Yvonne Schick, a Hamilton staff member, are in charge of the temperate room, which will have aquatics, carnivores, ferns and mosses. This room even has a small plastic pool, which will be turned into a pond for aquatic plants!

The tropical room, headed by Brittany Frank '07 and David Bell of the Career Center, will have fruit trees, orchids, bromeliads and epiphytes. This room already has a small fig tree; a palm tree and a terminalis are on the way.

In addition, the tropical group is expecting a donation of sixteen orchids to further green their room. The group is working hard, cleaning and hosing down their space to prepare it for plants. They have also compiled a list of materials that they need for plant upkeep (includuing watering cans, hose and hose head) and have been debating ways they can manage the temperature and humidity of the room.

At their next meeting, the tropical group hopes to finalize a list of choice plants to submit

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Students, staff to run (or walk) for Great American Heart Run

by Michelle Butler '06
FEATURES WRITER

On Saturday, March 5, at 9 a.m., Utica College will be hosting the annual America's Greatest Heart Run & Walk. In the past, the Utica event has raised the fourth largest amount of money in the entire country, which is a true reflection of the care and devotion of the local people who participate each year.

Linda Michels, one coordinator of "team" Hamilton, explained the extreme generosity and emotion that goes into this event. "Those who have participated in this terrific event are familiar with the tremendous feeling of excitement, and overwhelming sense of emotion, in seeing teams of people walking with pictures of loved ones either suffering from heart disease or lost to it," she said. "When you're standing in the middle of that crowd of thousands of people waiting for the cannon to sound start of the walk, you see how many people just in this area are affected by heart disease and feel a genuine sense of satisfaction knowing the money you raise will do so much for so many."

Hamilton College has sent a good number of students to this event over the last several years. Student organizations such as Alpha Theta Chi, and sports teams such as the women's lacrosse team, have come out to participate and show their support. They will all be a part of Team Hamilton. The President's Office has contributed money towards Hamilton College baseball hats that each member of Team Hamilton shall receive for walking/running. Michels said that last year "we had 107 runners/walkers who raised $5,073, so we're hoping those numbers will only go up...This year's [total] event goal is $1,128,000." As you can see from the numbers, Hamilton makes a significant contribution to this event both financially and in participants.

There will be different events scattered around the area, with buses leaving from Utica College. The 30K, ten mile, 5 mile, and 3 mile runs will be in four separate locations, while the 3 and 5 mile walk will be held on campus at Utica. Registration for these events took place in Beinecke on Wednesday afternoon, but for those who decide last-minute to participate, additional registration will begin at 6 a.m. on Saturday in the Athletic Center at Utica College.

Michels commented on the important use of the raised funds, stating "More people in the US, about 700,000 each year, die of heart disease than of any other cause." Approximately 40% of the money given to the American Heart Association goes to support public health education and training about heart-healthy lifestyles; 25% goes to research (e.g. cholesterol lowering drugs, surgical and pacemaker technology), and approximately ten percent to community services [and] the rest to administration, operations, and fund-raising.

If you want to help out but can't tear yourself away from the books this weekend, you can make a donation by visiting America's Greatest Heart Run & Walk 2005 website . www.heartwalk.kintera.org/uticany. If you would like to donate in-person or want more information, contact lmichels or ewilliams.

All proceeds will go to the American Hearth Association.

THIS WEEK IN HAMILTON HISTORY

First pub night held in Bristol
February 25, 1994

Last Friday night, the old Hub area on the first floor of the Bristol Campus Center housed the first of five pilot Pub Nights currently being planned by the Pub Committee. Those who attend the pub paid a $3 cover charge -- 18 years of age to enter and 21 years of age to drink.

Catered by Hallmark under the direction of the Cash Operations Manager, Pub night offered 75 cent drafts as well as wine coolers, wine, mock daiquiris and pina coladas, soda, nachos, tacos, and pretzels. Hallmark also provided free popcorn, and the senior class sold pizza. As part of Winterfest, Program Boad sponsored a band.

Although other ctivies took place on the Hill on Friday night, 140 people attended by Pub Night. Approximately 100 were of legal drinking age.

Director of Multicultural Affairs Karen Green attended the Pub Night. She said people at Hamilton are seeking different social opportunities. "For the time that I spent [at Pub Night], I felt tit was a wonderful new alternative for people who want that kind of social setting." She complimented the Pub Committee on a "very well managed" event, and commended Hallmark on a "stellar job" with the food and beverages.

Questions remain after houseparties
March 3, 1978

Controversy over the recently insituted policy of charging women and independents at the doors of open fraternity parties fizzled as attendance during last Housparty Weekend was "as high as it has every been."

Close to $800 was collected at the doors of six fraternities who had open parties. One fraternity, Sigmi Phi, held an open party but fiolened IFC policy by not charging.

The money collected will go into an IFC account and will be earmarked for a special IFC function which will most likely be open to the campus.

The plan to charge came as an experiment from IFC to let the campus know that fraternities are no longer willing to bear the burden of expense in presented campus-wide parties.

The amount of money spent on parties last weekend by individual houses varied from as little as $300 at TDX to as much as $1800 at Chi Psi. Collected at the door ranged from $90 at ELS to $250 at A.D.

11% increase approved to keep "quality"
March 8, 1990

The Board of Trustees approved an incrase in charges from the 1990-1991 academic year to $20,200, amounting to an overall raise of $2,000. Tuition was raised from $14,050 to $15,850, and room, board, and fees went up from $4,150 to $4, 350.

Hank Payne, President of the College, stated the retention of the faculty as the main reason of faculty as a main reason for the hike. Payne said, "we're going to have to enrich the faculty compensation. Our average salaries are lower than almost all of our peers and our teaching load is higher. We just can't sustain the charges we have now."

Payne also said that this increase will ensure the continuance of the "need-blind" policy which guarantees acces to those who qualify for financial aid. Payne also said, "we give substantially more in financial aid than other schools."

Mentalist Channing amazes all in attendance

by Whitney Kimmel '08
INSIGHTS & IDEAS EDITOR

Last Thursday, Mentalist Robert Channing amazed his audience weaving comedy into his unexplainable mind-reading routine. Channing, a member of the Power Performers Program from New Hartford, NY, was brought to Hamilton as one of the Campus Activities Board's special events. He performs at colleges and large corporations around the nation. He also has worked with celebrities such as Britney Spears, Jimmy Buffet and former President Bill Clinton. He has earned the reputation as the "Worlds Foremost Mind-Reader" - and rightfully so after one sees his show.

Lindsay Sorin '07, a member of the CAB executive board, explained that after sending the college his promotional material, event coordinators spoke to his representative about potential shows and he was soon booked with the promise to leave the audience in awe and predict what three members of the executive board would be wearing the night of the show of the show or he would return his pay check.

He arrived on the Hill and headed straight for Commons for an hour of "teasers" before the show. He traveled from table to table bending spoons with his mind, predicting which playing cards students would pull from a pack, setting peoples' watches forward and backward several hours and manipulating other dining utensils. Many students who attended the show said they had seen him in commons and were amazed by his teasers, prompting them to come to the show.

Once in the chapel, anxious students were given a piece of paper and a pencil, which they were told, they would use later. Channing warmed up the audience with a few jokes and then jumped into his routine, asking a member of the audience to think of a sum of money, which he would remove from his pocket and hold in his hand. He was told that he could hold as few or as many coins in his hand as he chose, but that he should imagine a number of cents, which he wanted to have. Robert Channing wrote his prediction on a piece of paper and after asking the participant what the sum was and then jokingly telling him that his choice of a gazillion cents was not a number, Channing showed the audience the piece of paper on which he had written the correct prediction. After several more similar number predictions, Channing asked two members of the audience to join him as his assistants on stage.

After helping Robert Channing duct tape coins and a blindfold over his eyes the assistants were asked to choose several objects from the audience. Colleen Granahan, one of his assistants who chose a student as one of her objects later commented, "there is no way he could have seen anything. It was so wild ... he just knew [what we picked]". Channing was able to predict exact details about the objects and whom they belonged to. He also asked his assistants to collect a bill from the audience. After guessing what denomination the bill was, he was able to "read" the serial number from the bill, not missing a single number or letter.

Next, members of the audience were able to participate as he asked them to write down their funniest moment, a significant number in their lives, a question they would like to ask him and their full name. Colleen and Justin collected the slips of paper and placed them in a large salad bowl on stage. Channing pulls slips of paper at random from the bowl and, after rubbing them against his head, was able to narrate embarrassing moments, guess people's numerical passwords or telephone numbers. He answered questions about graduate school and people's love lives, having each person he was addressing stand up and talk to him while he revealed their funniest moments and questions.

At the show's climax, he removed his blindfold and asked the audience to think of their dream vacation, which they would like to go on it, a specific date and the amount of money they wanted to spend on their trip. He chose four people at random asking each of them in turn for a specific portion of the question. The final dream vacation was a trip to Japan on February 14, 2005 with a student's father named Gary where they would spend a million dollars and ten cents. At this point, Channing asked Caroline Walsh to bring forward a sealed envelope postmarked several days prior to his show which he said would contain that very prediction of the vacation. Students could not believe their ears as Kat McGrory opened the letter and read the words, "Japan, February 14, 2005, Gary, one million dollars and ten cents." Even more amazingly, the student who chose February 15, 2005 had first chosen the year 2006 and Lindsay Sorin, who chose the amount to spend, had changed her mind, throwing in the additional ten cents as a side note before he gave his prediction.

At this point he also called forward the three executive board members who he promised to guess what they were wearing. He guessed Caroline Walsh's crazy outfit down to her "friend's Burberry goulashes," Katey Healy-Wurtzburg's ('05) Legolas-inspired outfit and Whitney Kimmel's '08 mismatched attire, adding in that her boyfriend would get used to the fact that she was a cheerleader. All predictions had been sealed in an envelope and mailed to the CAB office days before he arrived. Lindsay Sorin said, "some people came in believers but after watching him guess what people we wearing down to their shoes, there was no doubt that he had some sort of power. We all left believers."

After the show Channing stayed to answer questions, telling curious students that he has been able to "see these things" since he was a young boy. He made one final prediction and sealed it in an envelope, which is not to be opened until the next time he returns to campus. He promises that if the prediction is wrong he will give each member of the audience $100 and his show will, of course, be free to the college. Already, CAB is hoping to book him for next fall. The show was a true success and absolutely mind-boggling.

WRITE FOR FEATURES!
(You dont even have to like it, you just have to be able to do it.)
e-mail elemancz or spec if interested!

Spring dance performance this weekend in Wellin Hall

by Professor Anne Riffle
THEATRE AND DANCE DEPARTMENT

The Theatre and Dance Department will present its 2005 Spring Dance Concert Friday and Saturday, March 4th and 5th at 8pm in the Schambach Center for the Performing Arts' Wellin Hall. The concert includes works from guest artist Tiffany Mills, Hamilton Dance faculty Bruce Walczyk and Emily Hildebrand, plus senior dance concentrator Katharina Plumb '05.

Opening the concert is a work by Visiting Prof. of Ballet Emily Hildebrand who has reconstructed excerpts from "Le Corsaire." Lord Byron's original story of "Le Corsaire," The Pirate, first performed in London in 1837, has been told and retold again and again on the stage, lending opportunity to different composers and choreographers alike. With the added music by Delibes and choreography by Petipa, the *pas des fleurs* added to the, third act demonstrates the familiar characteristics of the classic ballerina.

The prelude to this *pas* begins with the situation of the lounging Seyd Pasha, possessor of numerous concubines, happily taking a break in his day to fantasize about his lovely collection in a picturesque garden. The insertion of the *pas des odalisques* (pas de trio) within the garden scene is used to demonstrate the Pasha's interest in his most recent conquests. The music of Riccardo Drigo from Act I has been tucked in the midst of the *pas des fleurs* for design purposes.

Following intermission is "Hot Air", a lighthearted piece about innocent curiosity and childhood envies, choreographed by senior dance concentrator Katharina Plumb. Clever minds manipulate eager bodies in an amusing interplay of dance and comedy.

"Its Like the Moon Through Winter Branches," choreographed by Associate Professor Bruce Walczyk, is next on the program, which is a work based on the passing of family and the continual process of ongoing generations. This atmospheric piece is accompanied by the music of Laurie Anderson. Closing the program is "Godard", choreographed by NYC guest choreographer Tiffany Mills. Mills works with eight students, investigating individuals in their idiosyncrasies, inner churnings and relationships. Loosely inspired by select films of Jean Luc Godard, sheer fun shares the stage with odd life experiences. As this urban fairytale unfolds, layering movement and music by John Zorn to achieve "dramatic color" (*New York Times*), Mill probes the peculiarities and complexities of human relationships, with a touch of whimsy. "Sad truths alternate with much needed comic relief" (OffOffOff.com). The final version of "Godard" will be premiered by the NYC-based Tiffany Mills Company at Portland Institute for Contemporary Art this coming September.

Tickets are $5 general and $3 student/seniors.For more info. call 859-4057

Greenhouse donors from Utica, Colgate

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to Pfitsch for feedback; however, because there is no budget for the greenhouse, obtaining plants is a bit more challenging for Hamilton than it is for most other colleges. Hamilton must depend heavily on donations from other schools and also start many plants from seeds, which are significantly cheaper than already-grown plants.

Thankfully, Hamilton is not alone in its endeavor. Dave Moore, professor of biology at Utica College, has been more than generous, offering Hamilton many of the duplicate plants from Utica's greenhouse. Colgate University also plans to donate to Hamilton's greenhouse.

When asked about the greenhouse's financial burdens, Alana Pudalov '08 said, "It's really terrible that we don't have a budget for the greenhouse. We could do so much with even just a little money... At least we have other ways of getting plants. I'm so glad that other schools are being so generous and donating to our school!"

With donations, Hamilton is well on its way to becoming a much greener place. By the end of the semester, each room should have a good number of plants and should serve as a wonderful sign of the spring season.

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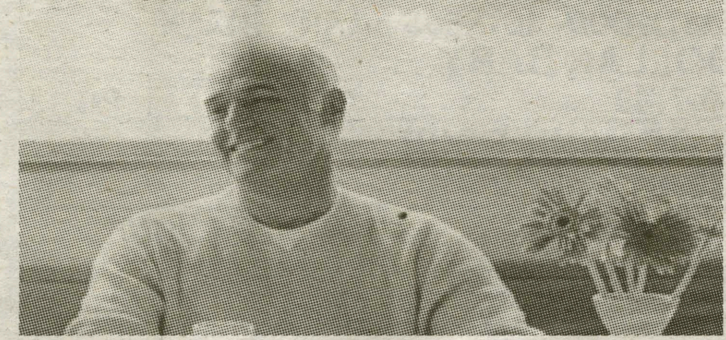

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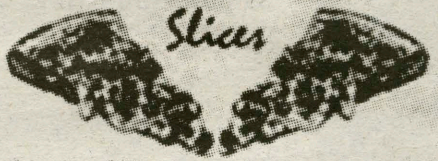

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- Albert Einstein

Financial market summary: 2/24 - 3/3

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Stocks traded on the Nasdaq exchange by these traders are generally young companies with growth potential.

by David Kelland '05
BUSINESS & ECONOMICS COLUMNIST

We are certainly living in interesting times. Both light sweet crude and the S&P 500 are simultaneously testing very significant highs: an all-time high in nominal terms for oil and a three and half year high for the S&P. Moreover, the NASDAQ-100 is preparing to test a four-month low. The NASDAQ-100, which is currently trading at 1512, should receive support at 1480. A break below this level would jeopardize the aging bull market, bringing the Dow and the S&P 500 along for the decline.

Part of the strength in oil prices yesterday came from acting OPEC Secretary General Adnan Shihab-Eldin. In a statement released Thursday, he said, "I can stress that the probability that the price of a barrel of crude rises to $80 in the near future is a low probability." $80 a barrel? Where did that figure come from? In the same way that a statement from the White House saying that, "We almost certainly will not be invading five countries in the next five years" would get people a bit excited, oil traders took the hint and bid crude oil for April delivery to $53.57 per barrel.

The Philadelphia Semiconductor Index, SOX, broke sharply on Wednesday following a disappointing earnings report from Maxim Integrated Products. Since the SOX is a price weighted index and Maxim has the highest price of any component, it has a disproportionate effect on the index, just as Exxon Mobil has been carrying the price-weighted Dow Jones Industrial Average to gains for some time now.

Exxon Mobil has now passed General Electric as the most valuable company in the United States with a market capitalization over $400 billion, which is 6.385 billion shares trading at $63.05. Exxon shares have rallied almost 22 percent since the beginning of February, to close at $63.05 Thursday. This is an incredible gain considering the stock's historical volatility. Since the middle of 1998, Exxon Mobil shares have traded almost entirely between $30 and $48.

Anybody who reads the news regularly must by now feel queasy with the words ***deficit***, ***dollar*** and ***decline***. I'm sorry. The dollar, now trading at 105.28 Yen, has been consolidating its decline from October and November for more than two months now. The Dollar is forming what technical analysts call a "wedge." A wedge is a tightening trading range which, when broken, will cause higher volatility in the form of testing the 106 Yen per Dollar level on the upside or 102 Yen per Dollar level on the downside. Yes, that's right, the market could go up, or the market could go down, however, you can buy volatility if you want to take advantage of this phenomenon.

In the U.S. Treasury market, the yield on the five-year note narrowly avoided making a two and a half year low. The yield curve has flattened dramatically over the past month as near term interest rates have rallied harder than long term interest rates. The five year note's yield rose 30 basis points over the past month compared to a 14 basis point rise in the "thirty" year bond (I put thirty in quotes because ever since the budget surpluses of the late nineties, the federal government has stopped issuing new bonds. The longest maturities are more like 26 years.)

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Finance 101: cooler than crack

This week: the current account deficit

by Tim Foley '06
BUSINESS & ECONOMICS EDITOR

The United States' economy is the largest in the world. For decades, foreigners have collected U.S. dollars because of their high value and the perceived economic strength of the United States. However, recently a couple of central banks have expressed doubt as to the value of the U.S. Dollar in light of the tremendous current account deficit of the United States. Understanding the current account deficit is crucial to form an opinion as to the true strength of the U.S. Dollar and the economy.

A current account balance is simply the difference between a nation's savings and its expenditures. National savings is composed of both private and public savings. Private savings is all the money consumers take home, but put in the bank rather than spend on goods. The private savings rate in the United States is currently around 1.4 percent. Public savings is the difference between government spending and government revenue or federal taxes. Our government runs at a deficit, so public savings is negative.

National expenditures are also known as gross domestic investment or simply investment. Subtracting investment from national savings produces a reliable figure for the current account deficit. The current account deficit of the United States is about $660 billion, the largest in United States and world history.

Having a positive current account balance means domestic savings exceeds domestic investment and a portion of those savings are invested abroad, in other nations. On the flip side, a current account deficit implies that part of domestic investment is being financed by the savings of foreigners. The difference between the United States' measly savings rate and its insatiable appetite for investment consumes approximately two thirds of the world's cumulative current account surplus. Through such borrowing, the United States has become the world's largest net debtor ever.

The United States is able to invest so much by selling U.S. Treasury securities to foreign central banks. Japan, for instance, currently owns about $700 billion of Treasury securities. By buying these bonds, Japan is basically giving a $700 billion loan to the United States. This loan will be repaid by the United States in the form of interest and principal payments on Treasury securities held by Japan.

So what does a huge current account deficit mean for an economy? Well in the past, nations with large current account deficits have experienced major economic and currency crises. If the global market believes a nation will not be able to repay its current account deficit, investors will start selling assets denominated in that nation's currency. For instance, if the world starts to think the United States will not be able to make payments on its loans, foreign investors will sell things denominated in U.S. Dollars, such as stocks, Treasury securities or American businesses. A general watermark for an excessive current account deficit is when it approaches 5 percent of a nation's gross domestic product. The current account deficit of the United States is approximately 5.6 percent of our GDP, yet no major currency or economic crisis has occurred.

Central banks around the world can be thanked for helping the U.S. Dollar and economy to stay afloat. The market for currencies is just like any other market, in that, as demand rises, so does price. Japan's $700 billion in U.S. Treasuries makes up a large part of its central bank's portfolio. If the Dollar lost value, or if investors began to think the United States' investment habits were unsustainable, Japan's U.S. Treasuries would also lose value. For this reason, nations with large U.S. Dollar holdings have continued buying our currency to keep their investments from losing tremendous value.

Talani lectures on Dollar/Euro relations

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Talani then went on to point out some weaknesses of the EMU, noting nations such as France and Germany. These nations have yet to experience benefits from joining the EMU as much attention and funds are allocated to rebuilding weaker economies. The other major difficulty facing the ECB is enforcing deficit and spending limits of the member nations. In a few situations, Talani mentioned, nations have breached these limits, but no sanctions have been dealt out by the ECB.

Dr. Talani then shifted gears and discussed exchange rates between the U.S. Dollar and the Euro over the past few years. At first, the Euro depreciated against the dollar, and Talani noted the benefits of such a pattern for export-based economies in the EU. However recently, the euro has gained tremendous value in the face of a faltering U.S. economy the greenback's volatility. This trend, she noted, is not on account of a strengthening European economy, but has been largely caused by the United States' tremendous deficits.

Dr. Talani currently serves as Director of Studies for the Programme of the Department of European Studies at the University of Bath, United Kingdom and as a lecturer at the London School of Economics and political Science. She was the fifth speaker of the Arthur Levitt Public Affairs Center's 2004-2005 lecture series, "The U.S. Budget: Power, Politics and Priorities."

Buff and Blue premieres to laughter and nudity

by Sarah Wissel '08
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

"What you see is exactly what happened," said Alex Sweet '05. Then, accompanied by uproarious laughter and applause, began the evening's feature on Friday, February 26: the premier of *Buff & Blue*. Sweet Monkey Productions, composed of Sweet, Adam Bedient '04, Craig Moores '05, and Sean Tice '06, produced the film starring the members of the Hamilton Streaking Team at their 12-school streak in October.

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Scenes of naked revelry were featured in *Buff and Blue*, the Streaking Team documentary. This was also the scene at the after-party.

In addition to documenting the October trip, the screening was a means of sharing the team's successes with the Hamilton community. "We just wanted to give something to the school," says Kaitlin Bear '05, citing how supportive the school has been, especially given the "tricky" nature of the subject. The response was overwhelmingly favorable from students, administration, persons from outside of Hamilton, and even the streakers' families, who turned out for the showing to support the students. "I am so excited," exclaimed Sweet, "I am really pleased with the reaction of the crowd... I don't want it to be over." Co-producer Tice echoed Sweet's sentiments: "I feel great. This was [my and Sweet's] proverbial child... Way more [viewers] than we expected. It's great that we can bring everyone together for something everyone seems to enjoy."

"I am so proud that people came to see the movie. It makes me incredibly please that everyone enjoyed it. It is the best feeling when people stop you on Martin's Way and say, 'Hey I loved your movie,'" Sweet added.

Wellin Hall was nearly full for the showing, all in attendance having entered via the blue carpet and greetings by members of the Streaking Team and friends. Interviews and critiques of the attire of selected passers-by were caught on camera with two students under the guise of Melissa and Joan Rivers. All of this was shown live on the Wellin screen to entertain the growing audience. This was followed by the screening of another student short film, *Small Enough* by Dave Gordon '05, which showed a recent kayaking trip.

Buff & Blue incorporated the actual streaks at nearly all 12 of the targeted NESCAC schools. It also contained footage from the drive to and from schools, catching moments of fun and frustration, interviews and reactions from the team members at various stages along the journey, and even the footage aired on Fox News. This combination not only illustrated forethought and creativity, but also helped to transition between streaks and establish a plot.

"We always kept the end product in mind while filming.

*See **Streaking Team**, page 17*

Hooked on *The Bachelorette*

by Megan Semerod '06
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I'll admit it. I watched *The Bachelorette*. When my roommate turned it on the first Monday after we returned, part of me thought, "This is ridiculous. This woman has already been on the stupid reality show once and it didn't work. Why is she trying again?" Filled with cynicism, I started to watch it. It certainly wasn't because I wanted to see who would be the lucky recipient of Jen Schefft's final rose. I was simply too lazy to go into the common room.

Jen was originally the winner of the Andrew Firestone installment of *The Bachelor*. After she broke their engagement, ABC gave Jen a second chance at "love" and she once again turned to reality TV to find a husband.

The third season of *The Bachelorette* was set in New York City. The season provided a peek at many interesting twists such as Fabrice leaving the show because he knew Jen wasn't the love of his life, embarrassing family dinner discussions, fights between the men and a double proposal before Jen makes her final decision.

Jen ultimately picked Jerry after turning down John-Paul's proposal. Are you ready for this? This doesn't mean she says yes to Jerry's ring! She tells him to hold onto the ring, think about it and ask her again later. Later? Later turns into live on national TV. Jen is convinced that they make better friends and for the second time on national TV turns Jerry down.

I invested an hour a week for six weeks (and three hours the final week) on this show. Certainly not because I liked it, but because it had me hooked. I found myself actually having an opinion about these characters. It wasn't that I was intrigued by any goopy romantic view of these situations, but more that I had to follow this tale through until the ending. It was too agonizing to stop watching. I felt strangely invested in these characters. Would Jen pick my favorite?

What she picks is to be on national TV. She went through a media engagement once already and when it didn't work she decided to do it again. Does she really feel she can't find a decent man on her own? Perhaps she just missed being on the cover of *US Weekly* after news of Trista and Ryan's perfection became the main event.

Maybe this love affair with reality TV love affairs is just replacing a little of my angst with theirs - trying on someone else's reality for a while when the heat is on. Is this a healthy way to reduce stress? I'll let you know. Next week is pretty intense and I have some *Real World* watching to fit into my schedule.

A guitar, a bass and a bottle of whiskey

by Tim Mudie '05
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If I hadn't been taking Creative Nonfiction, I probably never would have seen Ratatat. As it was, I ended up in the Pub on a Tuesday night, meeting with my class and the author John Elder. About halfway through the meeting, I noticed a group of people come into the Pub. They were pretty hipped-out, definitely not Hamilton students (you can tell). One of the guys looked familiar, but they were in the other room, and I was trying not to be sketchy, so I couldn't get a good look. Several sketchy minutes later, I got a good enough view to confirm my suspicions: it was Chris from Maynooth.

Chris and I had been were on the same study abroad program in Maynooth, Ireland. We got to be friends, traveling to Amsterdam and Prague over our fall break. But, as often happens upon returning to America, we grew apart. In fact, I hadn't talked to Chris since I left Ireland more than a year ago. And yet, there he was, drinking a Bass at the bar of my college's Pub.

I excused myself from the group and caught Chris just as he was going outside for a cigarette. We exchanged enthusiastic hellos, and then he went outside to smoke. I ordered a Guinness and waited for a few minutes, then he came back in.

We caught up; I met his friends and found out that they had come from Hartwick for the Ratatat concert. Frankly, I hadn't planned on going to the Ratatat concert. I had only vaguely heard of the band, and I had already told my roommate that I wasn't going. But, Chris and his friends were going and recommended the band. "What the hell," I thought, "I probably wouldn't have done work anyway." Besides, it was free; if they sucked, I could leave.

We left the Pub when one of Chris's friends noticed the guys from Ratatat leave. This was a little past ten. Apparently, the opening bands didn't start until 9, an hour and a half after the scheduled start. It must have been pretty crappy for people who were waiting, but I was in the Pub, so it was ok. Even when we got to the Annex, it took a good half hour until Ratatat took the stage. I've heard that it was mostly technical issues, but I'm willing to bet that the massive bottle of whiskey guitarist Mike Stroud was swigging from had something to do with it. Regardless, once the band finally got onstage, they rocked the tiny, concrete house that is the Annex. It's known for terrible acoustics, and this show was no different. Stroud and bassist Evan Mast (it's just the two of them) had some great rock instrumentals with really interesting music going on in the background, but it didn't blend very well. The whole thing sounds cleaner on CD, which can be said about most rock concerts, but the Annex's acoustics definitely hurt the concert.

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Maybe it's because I'm easily entertained, but my favorite part of the show was the video presentation going on behind them. It elevated the music to a sort of performance art, with assumedly pre-programmed patterns and colors. Think of a kaleidoscope set to music. It was an excellent addition to their show, but it meant that the guys could not interact with the audience or else it would throw the timing of the display off. Since the songs are also devoid of lyrics, this meant that the audience never really got to bond with the band, an important aspect of any live show.

Seeing shows in the Annex is always a weird setting anyway. It's just not conducive to concerts. You need a band with a dedicated following for it to work. They Might Be Giants put on an incredible show when they came and Dropkick Murphys had their usual high-energy, but they both have a large, dedicated fan base. For new indie bands, like Ratatat, there just isn't a huge following. There were maybe thirty kids. The band wanted everyone up and dancing, which the first row of people did. But when you're in a small group and a few people start dancing, it just looks silly. The music was good, though; I often found myself swaying along. Really, they just needed a larger group. Also, I think they need a singer. Speaking of which, I don't have any post-graduation plans, so if Ratatat reads this, give me a call.

Overall, I'm glad that I went to the concert. I think that Ratatat would be great in a New York club, and I'd like to see them there sometime. Unfortunately, it probably won't be free. But the show was good, and it meant that I got to have a pint with a friend, so that's got to be worth something.

School of Rock: Why rock and roll gives the devil his due

by Keenan Reilly '07
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Ever since Rock and Roll popped its raucous rousing head into this world, people have deemed it "the Devil's" music. Rock and Roll concerned religious conservatives because they were afraid of their youth's intense devotion to sexuality charged music that had satanic connections. If you look deep into rock's past you will know it stems directly out of America's early blues guitar virtuosos, (Muddy Waters, John Lee Hooker, Bo Diddley, etc...) who inspired most of the top rockers of the sixties and seventies. Skip Hellhound James and Robert Johnson, the Delta Blues King, in particular embraced the southern folk story ideal; that being, if one waited by his lonesome on the side of an isolated country crossroad late at night then the devil may come and arrange a transaction.

The exchange is initiated when the devil tunes the musician's guitar, which guarantees a life of fortune, fame and lust. Not to sound cliché, but the Devil goes and takes the man's soul. The next rumor of young souls for sale came on January 11, 1969, the night before Led Zeppelin I is released. Three of the four Led Zeppelin members including, John "Bonzo" Bonham (drummer, RIP), Robert Plant (singer), and Jimmy Page (guitarist) the ring leader, got together and performed a metaphysical occult-like blood ritual, which in essence gave their soul to Lucifer in exchange for their immediate and inconceivable success. John Paul Jones, the mild mannered bassist, was said not to take part.

Once their album dropped, there was no turning back from the unprecedented popularity of their thunderously dark and epic hard rock sound. Stories of their insatiable sexual and psychoactive decadence are still unrivaled to this day. Jimmy Page is a known follower of the metaphysical occultist Aleister Crowley. He even bought Crowley's home, and as far as I know, he still lives there today. After Led Zeppelin's tale hit the streets, stories of bands who are said to have shaken hands with the lord of darkness became a dime a dozen; however, only a handful have the notoriety to confirm these claims. Black Sabbath, Motley Crue, The Doors, Sex Pistols, Rolling Stones, AC/DC, Guns and Roses, and Nirvana are the few who, in my mind, have the demonic eyes.

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Something has to account for Motley Crue's enduring popularity. Could it be....SATAN!? Yes, definitely.

I am not saying I believe that they sold their souls, but these groups have an undeniable connection to the sultan of sin. The name Black Sabbath alone gives off an evil façade, because the band's maniacal front man Ozzy Osborne is proclaimed to be the Prince of Darkness by his fans, which only hammers the idea home. Most of you probably have heard some of the depraved acts Ozzy has committed over the years (biting the heads off bats and doves, sacrificing animals on stage, consuming buckets of his fans' urine and saliva in conjunction with a plethora of narcotics...etc).

Motley Crue's notorious bassist Nikki Sixx was another individual who was said to have studied deep into the satanic cult. Stories of silverware and other objects floating in thin air in front of Nikki while he was performing some sort of ritual have been reported by many sources.

During Motley's early years they toured on and off with Ozzy Osborne and his self titled band (Ozzy was kicked out of Black Sabbath in 1979 for his overindulgent madness). Ozzy took an immediate liking to the Crue, especially Nikki. Occasions where Nikki and Ozzy partied together are explained by bystanders to be the tour de force of the most vile and self-mortifying acts that I have ever heard of (snorting live ants and lapping up each others urine is only the beginning). Nikki has legally died three times in his life, two of these "deaths" happened within 48 hours of each other. If his pseudo-mortality doesn't convince you, then go see him in concert, and all doubts will be forgotten.

Beyond Black Sabbath and Motley Crue, there are other bands, although slightly less famous, who have documented association to the dark angel. To some of these bands the evil one is seen as their playful companion on their quest to the limits of human debauchery. AC/DC former front man Bon Scott (RIP) states in the song Rock 'n' Roll Singer, " I've got the devil in my blood telling me what to do. And I'm all ears." Freud might consider the Rock star/devil relationship a clear sign of an extremely overdeveloped ID. Without discounting the few stories of Wicca or satanic worshippers

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Ozzie? Hitchhiking on the highway to Hell? Can't Satan lend him a car?

in music, I think the real alliance between the devil and Rock and Roll is simply a reflection of the stars sin filled nightlife. For example, when Van Halen plays "Running with the Devil" it's David Lee Roth giving his mischievous time a nickname (Axl Rose would call it riding the "Night Train," to AC/DC they're on the "Highway to Hell" or ringing "Hell's Bells," Led Zeppelin runs into the good kind of trouble "When the Levee Breaks"...etc). When bands salute the devil or hell, it's not that they want to be evil. Rather, they are extending gratitude for their lack of morality that has been granted to them night after night.

To explain this more comprehensively, I want to explain this concept through what it would be like to have sex Angelina Jolie. I have never had sex with Angelina, but from what I have seen of her, in addition to her personality, I can (and have) imagined what it would be like. First off, if you have ever watched her in a movie, then you know she just exudes sex. She can make you uncomfortable (in a good way) during her least seductive scenes. Squeaky-clean sex is not what she represents, but rather the dirtiest and naughtiest fornication imaginable. Lets face it, everyone would be slightly scared to be alone with Miss Jolie, but the excitement and that look in her eye that promises the most voracious ride mixing pain with violent pleasure, would keep you coming back night after night (despite the feeling that you may have to bathe in holy water for a month afterward). This is the same way Rock bands flirt with the devil; in their excitement, their guilt subsides. The phrase "party like a rock star" has taken on a new and more sinister meaning in my mind, how about you?

The most decadent devilish downloads for your fragile mind: 1. Motley Crue, "Shout at the Devil" 2. AC/DC, "Rock and Roll Singer," "Hells Bells," "Highway to Hell." 3. Van Halen, "Running with the Devil" 4. Rolling Stones, "Sympathy for the Devil" (The Guns and Roses version is a rad a must have) 5. The Darkness, "Black Shuck" 6. Electric Six, "Electric Demons in Love" 7. The Cult, "Lil Devil" 8. Black Sabbath, "War Pigs" 9. Led Zepplin, "When the Levee Breaks" 10. Guns and Roses, "Night Train."

Homework this weekend is simple: come up with a personalized metaphor for your late night naughty time, and make that night an unforgettable inhibition-free debauchery-fest for the ages.

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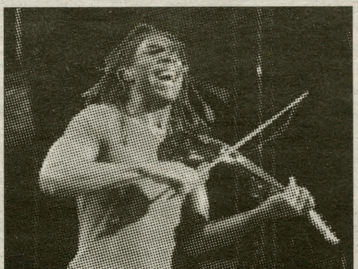

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Streaking Team documentary premieres

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That is why I would film people in the Winnebago singing to songs. I also wanted to make sure we had people introduce the schools we were streaking, etc," said Sweet.

The film portrayed streaking as very natural, extremely fun, and generally appreciated. With few exceptions, the reactions of observers were enthusiastic and very supportive. Though changing the audience's perception of the team was never a goal, the final scene featured the words "Join Us," referring to a streak at Princeton on Saturday, March 5th. Whether or not the film changed anyone's feelings regarding streaking will be evident by the attendance at that event. And yes, it will assuredly be filmed.

There are no current plans to make a sequel to Buff & Blue, although it would be well received, and Tice and Sweet have intend to edit the film further. It is yet unclear whether it will be a repeat screening in the future.

"If there is enough interest, we will screen it again at Hamilton," offered Tice. "As of now we have no intention of making the film available to the public; if anything, we will be reediting the film, and then see where things go from there."

It was incredible as a student-produced film and for its entertainment value. Of course there was nudity and lots of it; that's what drew the majority of the audience to Wellin. Like the streakers said, "one more naked person, one more smile." The film was hilarious, end of story.

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Biology Matters club plans events for science students; new building provides social space

by Laura Trubiano '07
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The sciences at Hamilton have undergone some great changes over the last year as the new building is coming to completion. New equipment, new labs, and more space help to maximize the resources available to science students.

Students in the biology department have gone one step further to increase participation outside of the classroom. Last semester saw the formation of the new student organization Biology Matters, a club for students interested in the biological sciences. The club came at the perfect time, as the biology department has moved into the new science building.

"We always felt limited by the space available in the old building, there were no safe spaces for social events," says Biology Professor Jinnie Garrett, the faculty leader of the club. "Now we have several spaces specifically designed for social/academic use where students and faculty can gather outside of regularly scheduled course activities."

The club is still in its early stages, but the members have held some lectures. Last semester biology faculty members spoke about their research interests and last Saturday Dr. Peter Burke of STERIS Corporation gave a talk on Bioterrorism. The group also hopes to plan some biology-related trips.

Meg Pollack '08 is currently working on organizing a visit to the Syracuse Museum for an Imax movie on deep sea creatures.

"I think this club is important because people involved can see where a Biology major can lead them. Being a freshman, it is very exciting for me to see the myriad of opportunities," says Pollack.

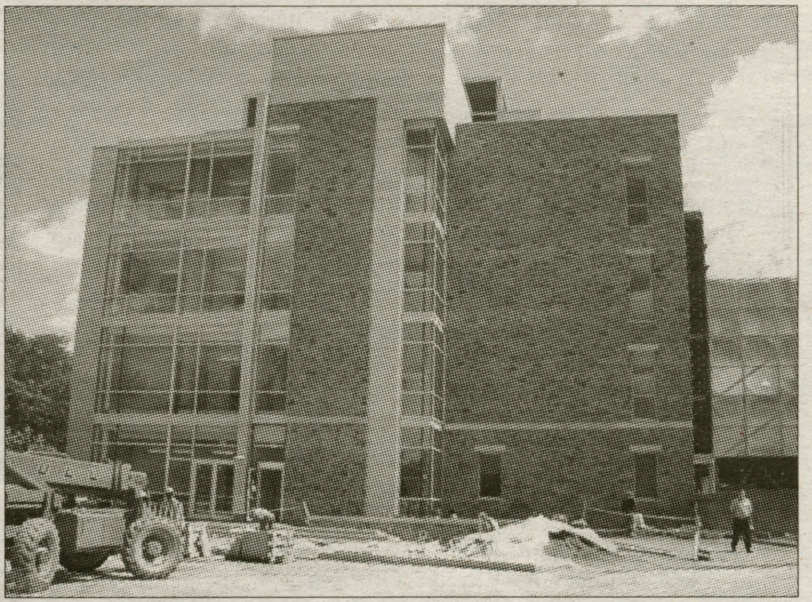
Other plans include meeting with zoologists at the Utica Zoo, visiting local schools to give presentations on science, and working with some of the professors here on research off campus.

Matt Van Hook '06 is in charge of organizing lectures. "We're hoping to have talks relating to some of the social issues involved with the study of science-popularization and ethical topics. Our perception of the world is informed by a multitude of factors. Just as the humanities, social sciences, and religion make invaluable contributions, the life sciences give us yet another perspective," says Matt.

Adrian Stier '05 is the student founder of Biology Matters. Two of his main goals in organizing the club were to provide students an opportunity to interact with professors on a more personal level and to enhance the appreciation of science on a level above worries about grades.

"We're really trying to provide a relaxed atmosphere for people in biology to feel like they are part of more than just a classroom", he says. Biology Matters provides students with experiences related to biology that go beyond what they hear in lectures.

The organization seeks to connect science to the community and to our understanding of the world. "The members of the biology department have been wanting to do more to create a vibrant community of students and faculty interested in the biological sciences," says Garrett. And that is just what Biology Matters is for.



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The construction of the new science building has provided new social spaces for science students.

Biology Matters meets most Monday nights at 8 p.m. in the Biology Common Room. It is open to anyone with an interest in biology.

Doctors report huge increase in sports-related injuries in children, parents push kids too hard

by Kate Jurras '06
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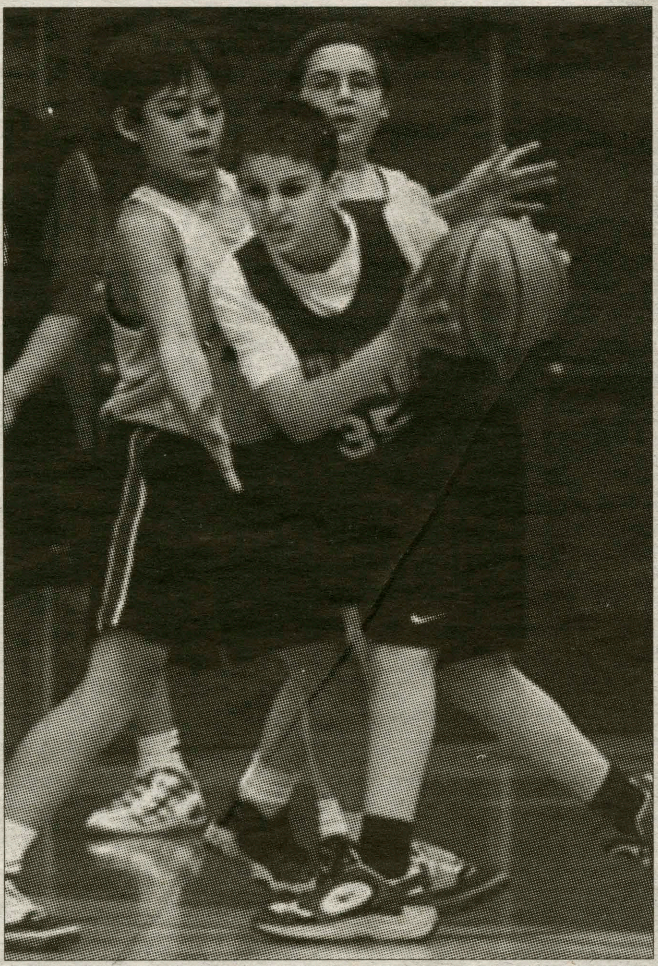
Doctors are finding a huge increase in young athletes, from elementary school through college, who are getting hit with injuries related to overuse of certain body parts, according to CNN.com. Sports orthopedist from Birmingham, Alabama, Dr. James Andrews, describes the phenomenon as an "epidemic" and says that "it's impossible for a 13 year-old to have this kind of wear and tear." Clearly, there is something going on.

Only a few generations back, the sports medicine section of the Boston Children's Hospital found that overuse injuries accounted for only about 10 percent of injuries in young athletes. Shockingly, over the past 25 years that number has shot up to 70 percent. Doctors attribute this huge increase to a culture which puts a huge amount of emphasis on organized youth sports. Whereas a ten year-old a generation back may have played basketball with his father, thrown a baseball with his sisters, played soccer on the playground, now there is a huge amount of stress put on children to become serious about one sport at a very young age.



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Over the past 25 years, the occurence of overuse-injuries in children has risen from 10 to 70 percent of all sports-related injuries.

Developmentally, it is much better for children to experiment with many different sports than to focus on one. To focus on only one sport, not only is the United States losing a cultural phenomenon of playground sports, but these focused young athletes have no time to rest their used body parts.

Another foreseeable problem in forcing children to betoo involved in sports is that it may cause them to lose interest in sports altogether. In an article titled "Why most kids quit sports," on familyeducation.com, Executive Director of the National Youth Sorts Coaches Association Michael Pfahl commented, "The number one reason [why they quit] is that it stopped being fun."

Parents often feel that they are increasing their children's chances for success by encouraging them to play one sport all year round. However, according to Dr. Eric Small, owner of a small sports medicine practice in Westchester County, "It's not enough that they [children] play on a school team, two travel teams and go to four camps for their sport in the summer. They have private instructors for that one sport that they see twice a week. Then their parents get them out to practice in the backyard at night."

This phenomenon is happening across the United States. Andrews has noticed that parents are proud of their child's huge involvement in his or her chosen sport, even despite serious injuries that this involvement creates. He asks them, "You all know why he's seeing me?" and "that's when the light bulb goes off" for the parents. In other words, it often takes a severe injury for parents to see what is happening to their child.

Doctors concur that teenagers who are tearing ligaments in their knees from too much soccer, or having reconstructive elbow surgery from too much baseball are dealing with injuries once reserved for professional adult athletes. Dr Angela Smith, of the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, notes that these children are being pushed to success, in hopes of college scholarships or a professional athletic career. They are being pushed by their parents. Smith says that "the volume of training has increased beyond the maturing young body's ability to handle it."

The problem that the young athletes of this country are facing is the over-involvement of adults. Parents are pushing their children in hopes of augmenting their chances for success; coaches are training young athletes the way that they would train professional adult athletes.

The result of this outbreak, in addition to a high number of extreme injuries, is the loss of the carefree childhood that used to be so commonplace in the United States. Suddenly, children are being pressured to behave like little adults, and doctors are producing substantial evidence of the negative effect of this change.

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Lindsey discusses role of statistics in developing HIV treatments in resource-poor countries

by Rebecca Grusky '06
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Dr. Jane Lindsey, a senior research scientist in the department of biostatistics at the Harvard School of Public Health, spoke at Hamilton on Monday, February 28, in a colloquium sponsored by the department of mathematics.

Lindsey spoke extensively on the topic of mother to child transmission rates of HIV, and how the fields of biostatistics and epidemiology are relevant to this public health issue.

Lindsey began the lecture by explaining the history of HIV treatment in pregnant women. She articulated that since the discovery of HIV and AIDS, Western governments have tried to find treatments to decrease the transmission rate of HIV from pregnant women to their babies. In the United States, mother-to-child transmission has decreased greatly. In the early 90s, there was a 30 percent chance that HIV would be passed on to the child; now it is under two percent.

This change is largely due to the discovery of zidovudine (AZT) treatment; however, drug companies were hesitant to conduct clinical trials on pregnant women because of potential damage to the fetus, such as the problems associated with thalidomide.

In 1991, AIDS Clinical Trial Group (ACTG), which is an independent group of clinicians running clinical trials at sites across the United States, began conducting ACTG study 076, a randomized controlled trial (n=676) funded by the government. The results of the study were published in 1994 in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, concluding that administering AZT during pregnancy significantly reduces the risk of transmission to the child.

The initial goal of the study was to detect a difference of ten percent in the AZT group relative to the placebo group - it was determined that this alone would have a significant impact on public health policy. Thus, if the rate of transmission in the AZT group dropped from 30 percent to 20 percent, the drug would be considered effective.

After the first interim analysis (n=363 births), 25.5 percent of mothers receiving a placebo had transmitted HIV to their 18-month old children, while only 8.3 percent of mothers receiving AZT had transmitted the virus. Given these tremendous results, the remaining mothers in the placebo group - those who were either still pregnant or whose babies were less than six weeks old - were immediately given AZT treatment as well.

In resource-poor countries, however, transmission rates of HIV from mother to child are much higher because women rarely have access to AZT therapy. For example, in Sub-Saharan Africa, there are 2.2 million children with HIV, and almost all were infected by mother-to-child transmission. Only 60 percent of these children live to five years of age.

High rates of HIV and AIDS in these countries are also devastating an entire generation of parents. With mother-to-child transmission rates higher than 30 percent in many poor African countries, HIV-positive orphans who survive their parents are left to be cared for by their grandparents.

The unstable economies of African countries such as Zimbabwe and Uganda make it difficult to control the spread of HIV. Until more recently, Western governments have done little to help the situation; now some Western organizations, such as the World Health Organization, the Global Fund for AIDS and the Gates foundation, are trying to bring effective treatments to these countries.

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Although mother-to-child transmission of HIV may be on the decline in the United States, there are 22 million children in Africa with HIV, and most were infected by their mothers.

There are many barriers to bringing AZT therapy to resource-poor countries. The treatment is very expensive, and some regions have no electricity or access to clean water, which is necessary for administering the drug.

AZT also requires sophisticated lab testing facilities, which are unlikely to be available in these countries, as well as internet access to a central computer database to track patients and the progression of the illness. The large number of migrant workers also makes it difficult to track patients, as does the stigma of the illness. An additional concern is that the strains of HIV are different in Africa, so the treatment may be ineffective or less effective than in the United States.

Focusing on developing HIV treatments in resource-poor countries, Lindsey believes that biostatisticians may be able to help with the more practical matters that hinder the development of HIV studies in these countries. She does, however, consider the types of studies conducted by both biostatisticians and epidemiologists to be useful in international health policy.

In Sub-Saharan Africa, conducting a study on AZT treatment for pregnant women would not only require the basic skills to conduct an observational study or a randomized controlled trial, but would also require practical skills. These skills may include figuring out how to keep track of participants in the study over time, how to best record data, and how to train workers in these countries to conduct the studies.

Lindsey sees a growing role for both biostatisticians and epidemiologists given the AIDS crises in resource-poor countries.

She says, "I think that as money flows into countries where not a lot of previous work has been done, that international health agencies will be able to help with other health problems more effectively, and that will result in more scientific research."

A *New York Times* editorial on Tuesday, March 1, suggested that the very low rate of mother-to-child transmission of the AIDS virus in the United States and Western Europe may be detrimental to the rest of the world.

Because there are so few children with AIDS in rich nations, drug companies have not improved pediatric AIDS products, which leaves the large numbers of children with AIDS in poor nations without adequate or affordable treatments. Pediatric drugs for AIDS tend to be six times the price of generic adult treatments, and are not available in generic form.

Many adult antiretroviral drugs are also not available in a pediatric form, and many children in resource-poor countries are forced to take smaller portions of generic adult drugs, which are apportioned by caregivers who may not know exactly how to administer the correct proportions.

It is clear that poor nations desperately need the resources to conduct studies on both mother to child transmission of HIV and the development of pediatric drugs.

CDC reports increase in U.S. life expectancy

by Lindsey Rubenstein '07
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The National Center for Health Statistics released a statement on February 28 stating that the United States' life expectancy rate has reached its highest peak. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released a report entitled "Deaths: Preliminary Data for 2003," which summarizes mortality statistics from that year.

According to the report, life expectancy in 2003 rose three-tenths of a year from the 2002 statistic, resulting in an average of 77.6 years.

This higher life expectancy can be accounted for, at least in part, by the drop in death rates for eight of the top fifteen causes of death in the United States. These include heart disease, cancer, stroke, suicide, flu/pneumonia, chronic liver disease and cirrhosis and accidental injuries.

According to the CDC, over half of all deaths in the United States every year can be attributed to the top three killers: heart disease, cancer and stroke.

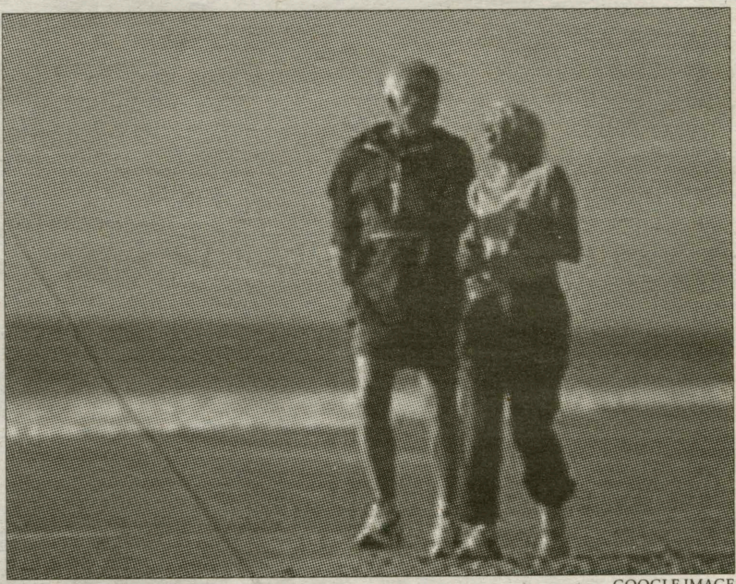
"They drive everything else because they're such large numbers to start off with" explained Donna Hoyert, the chief statistician behind the report. Unfortunately, however, the number of deaths caused by Alzheimer's disease, kidney disease, hypertension and Parkinson's disease increased. CNN.com speculates that this increase is due to the current rise of an older population in the United States.

The report also found that the difference between the life expectancies of males and females has decreased since 2002. This statistic has been dropping steadily since 1979, when it reached its highest point of 7.8 years. CNN.com places the average female lifespan at 80.1 years and the male at 74.8 years, a new difference of only 5.3 years.

Differences between races were also documented in the report, with both black men and women having shorter life expectancies than whites.

On average, black women were found to have a life expectancy 4.4 years lower than that of white women. The same effect was found to an even greater extent in black men, who live an average of 6.2 years less than white men.

The CDC has reported that an estimated 2,443,930 people died in the United States in 2003. Although these results are encouraging, CNN.com points out that due to the rise of obesity in the United States the population is at a high risk level for contracting future weight-related diseases such as diabetes and heart disease.



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Bush's proposal to drill in Alaskan National Wildlife Refuge meets opposition from many

by Kate Jurras '06
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY WRITER

As part of President Bush's plan to reduce United States oil imports, the sensitive area of Alaska, known as the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) may be opened up for oil drilling.

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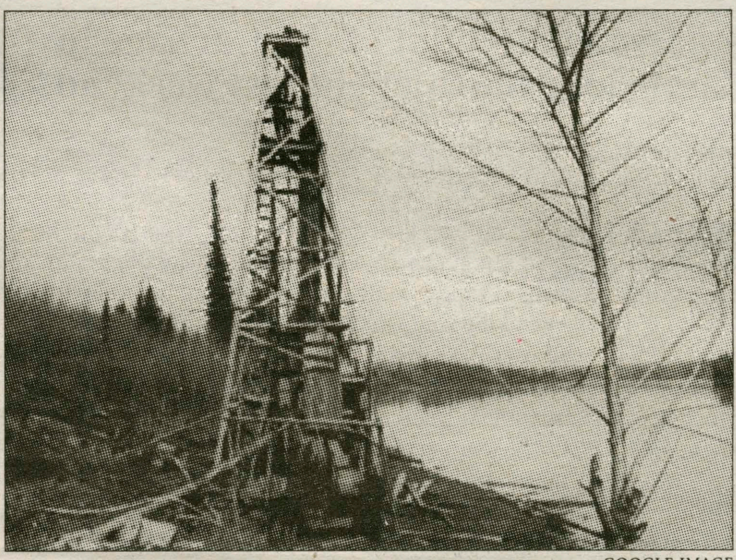
Bush's proposed site for oil drilling in Alaska has met opposition because of the devastation it could cause to local wildlife.

The plan to drill for oil was issued in January, and the final decision will be made by Interior Secretary Gale Norton. The ANWR has long been protected from development, because environmentalists and native Alaskan leaders cite damage to wildlife that would occur as a result.

Republicans are fighting to bring the drilling issue to the Senate's budget, according to the President's requests. Red Cavaney of the American Petroleum Institute has confirmed in interviews that his institute supports the legislation that would allow drilling in this area of Alaska. Despite the fact that major oil companies, including Chevron Texaco, Conoco Phillips and BP have backed out of the deal, according to rigzone.com, Cavaney said, "My leadership is in support of us collectively doing this and ultimately they [individual companies] will make their own choices as they look at their own portfolio." He added that if the drilling project is approved there will be, "no lack of people wanting to participate in the lease sale."

The plan to drill for oil will be undertaken with the goal of increasing the United States' domestic supply of oil. Lawmakers and top Bush administration officials are planning a tour of the ANWR area in the near future. If drilling begins, it will bring in an estimated 1.4 billion barrels of oil from the 350,000 to 400,000 acres surrounding the Teshekpuk Lake. At a future date, the 211,000 acre lake could be investigated as well. Although this area and its wildlife have been protected since the Reagan administration, the Bureau of Land Management has declared that the high potential of oil is reason enough to revoke the policy.



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Interior Secretary Gale Norton will be makng a final decision about Bush's plan that was proposed in January to drill in the Alaskan National Wildlife Refuge.

Alaska Native leaders, along with environmentalists, are urging the Bush administration to cancel the plan to drill in Alaska, naming caribou, geese, polar bears and other wildlife that would be harmed by the damage to their habitat by exploration. Bush' plan has been criticized by the Yupik Eskimos of southwestern Alaska and the Inupiat Eskimos along the Alaska Arctic coastline. The North Slope Borough, the local government for the Alaska Eskimos, sent a 29 page letter to Mayor George Ahmaogak. The letter criticized Bush' plan, naming items such as a lack of scientific merit and a failure of the government to offer anything but vague promises of environmental protection. According to yahoo news, Ahmaogak said, in a news release was sent out along with the letter, "What's the rush here? There are plenty of areas open to leasing in NPR-A right now and plenty of leased areas that haven't been explored."

Thus far, the Senate has rejected attempts by the Bush administration to give big oil companies access to ANWR for drilling. The budget debate will begin in mid-March, and clearly the issue is nothing if not controversial.

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Last week Hamilton College recycled 11,440 pounds, for a rate of 24.38%. Our four-week average rate is 25.47%, for a grand total of 51,600 pounds!

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Cribbage team schools Harvard

A personal account of the Carnage in Cambridge tournament last weekend

by Adam Weisz '07
SPORTS CONTRIBUTOR

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With all the controversy and negative publicity recently surrounding the College, this campus finally has something behind which to rally. Last weekend the (unofficial) Hamilton Varsity Cribbage team (HVC, the official team website can be found on thefacebook.com) traveled to Harvard University to take on the Crimson in the 2nd annual Intercollegiate Nibs and Nobs Extravaganza (INANE II: The Carnage inCambridge).

Three team members, Sean McGovern '07, Brendan "Bear" O'Brien '07, and I, attended last year's event. An undefeated performance (3-0) by me propelled the team to a 5-3 victory and attainment of the coveted Howard Diner Paper Cup Trophy (handmade, currently residing in my basement).

This year, however, the team's missing member, the left-handed Brendan W. Sullivan '07, proved to be the real star. With INANE II: The Carnage in Cambridge scheduled to be much more rigorous than its predecessor, the number of wins necessary to claim the championship set at 31 rather than 5, the southpaw started off with an unprecedented 8 straight victories, including two skunks, laying down the gauntlet for his veteran teammates. His teammates responded by combining with the lefty to take the Buff and Blue on a 15-1 run heading into halftime (dinnertime).

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For those unfamiliar with the sport of cribbage, the 20-5 lead held by HVC at the intermission is like being up three games to none in a best of seven series in baseball, with a one run lead in the 9th inning of game 4, and Mariano Rivera on the mound. Only Dave Roberts could screw things up, and he doesn't attend Harvard.

Following a hearty and hairy meal, with absolutely no peanuts, at the O'Brien Estate in Stoneham, Mass., McGovern, Sullivan, and I returned to the woodshed to finish the beating they had begun with Bear. For his part, O'Brien went to an IMAX to watch cars make lots of left turns. Although HVC faltered a bit at the start of the 2nd half, allowing the Crimson to shrink the margin to a still massive 25-14 lead, Sullivan, McGovern, and I laid down the hammer with back-to-back-to-back skunks of three helpless Ivy Leaguers to reach the 31 win plateau.

Upon receiving the prestigious 29-Point Crown, the competitors recognized how much this victory meant not only to each of them, but also to Hamilton College, itself. As a result, the three victors marched around the streets of Cambridge and into Harvard Yard proclaiming to all they saw (except the violent looking drunks) that this is Hamilton College.

Hamilton College is not about Ward Churchill or Susan Rosenberg or trafficking cocaine at the Utica train station or plagiarizing from Amazon.com or cloning babies for the Raelians. Hamilton College is about students traveling to an Ivy League university that they couldn't get into and displaying the utter dominance of their safety school liberal arts education. In fact, while passing a bar in town and exclaiming, "This is Hamilton College!" the team ran into two members of the Men's Varsity Squash team, which had just competed in a tournament of its own earlier in the day. Both Continentals seemed extremely proud to attend the school that just triumphed at INANE II: The Carnage in Cambridge and you should be, too, because anytime Bill O'Reilly gets you down or you wonder how long an administration can show incompetence before being reprimanded, just remember one thing: This is Hamilton College.

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Track and field sets its sights on ECAC tournament

by Chris Schimpf '07
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Hamilton College's men's and women's track and field teams posted big time this past weekend at the NYSCTC track and field meet at Rochester Institute of Technology. There were a number of tremendous performances as the men's team placed seventh, two spots higher than last year, and the women's team placed ninth, five places higher than last year.

From freshman to seniors, both teams displayed tenacity and heart as many of the athletes performed knowing they needed to beat a certain mark in order to keep their seasons alive. Records were set and times were beaten, as the track and field team moved one step closer to Nationals and the ECAC tournament this coming weekend.

Claudius Zorokong '08 amazed yet again by breaking the Hamilton College triple jump record that has stood for 13 years by jumping 44-feet-10 3/4 inches, finishing second overall. Zorokong was also named to the all-New York State Collegiate Track and Field Conference team in the triple jump as well as in the long jump, in which he placed third overall. In addition to earning all NYSCTC honors, Zorokong was also named Liberty League Rookie of the Week for the fourth time this year and qualified for the ECAC meet in both events. Chris Dunn '05 also paced the men's team by breaking his own school record in the 800 meter run by finishing in third place with a time of 1:56:04. Like Zorokong, Dunn qualified for the ECAC meet and was selected to the all state team. In addition to those broken records, the 800-meter relay team comprised of Olamide Harrison '05, Jay Russell '06, Rich Schwam '06, and Dunn, broke the record set last year while qualifying for the ECAC meet and finishing fourth with a 1:32.87.

Other members of the team qualified for the ECAC meet including Steve Butterhof '05, who finished in sixth place in the shot put, and the 3,200-meter relay, which placed seventh.

The men's team has performed exceptionally well all season long and will be well represented this coming weekend at the ECAC Championships.

On the women's side, Mara Dropkin-Frank '05 ran extremely well in her last NYSCTC meet, earning all-state honors. She also qualified for the ECAC Championships in the 1,500-meter run, as she finished third this past weekend with a time of 4:51.58. Jen Orbaker '07 qualified for the ECAC meet as well by tying her own school record in the high jump with a height of 5-feet-2 1/4 inches, placing her seventh at the NYSCTC meet. The Distance Medley Relay team, comprised of Dropkin-Frank, Sarah Downey '07, Ruth Leoniuk '05, and Becky MacKenzie '08, also qualified for the ECAC meet with a time of 13:05.64.

Rachel Bennek '07 finished eigth in the 500 meters, which clinched her a spot in this weekend's ECAC meet as well. Also performing well was senior Adrienne Isaac '05, who placed sixth in the triple jump at the NYSCTC meet. All in all the women's team performed very well, as several members bested their previous times and distances in order to qualify for this weekend's meet.

The Eastern College Athletic Conference Tournament this weekend, will be a very tough test for Hamilton's athletes as 47 schools will be represented in the two day meet. This year's tournament will be held at St. Lawrence University, as Geneseo will look to defend it's women's track and field title, and Cortland will defend the men's title.

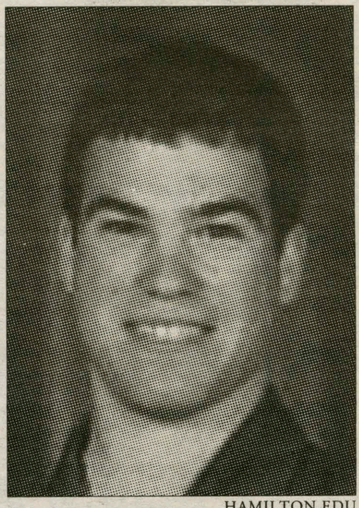
Men's squash team earns top 20 national ranking

by Andrew Dassori '07
SPORTS EDITOR

HAMILTON ROUNDUP

At the College Squash Association men's team championships this past weekend, Hamilton managed a win against Denison University, but came up short in their pursuit of the Summers Cup. A second round loss to the eventual Summers Cup Champion Colby College combined with a heartbreaking 5-4 loss to St. Lawrence to send the Continentals packing. Although this was a tough way to end the season, the team did manage to finish among the top 20 teams in the country with an 11-9 overall record.

On the weekend, several Hamilton squash players stood out with excellent performances. Among these players were **John Frazier '06** and **Suleman Khoja '06** who each finished the weekend with three wins and no losses. **Chad Carta '06** and **Andrew Small '08** each went 2-1 on the weekend, but this was unfortunately to no avail as the team was knocked out of the tournament. This concludes the team play for the men's squash team, but individually **Anthony Bardaro '07** will travel to Dartmouth this weekend for the CSA individual championships.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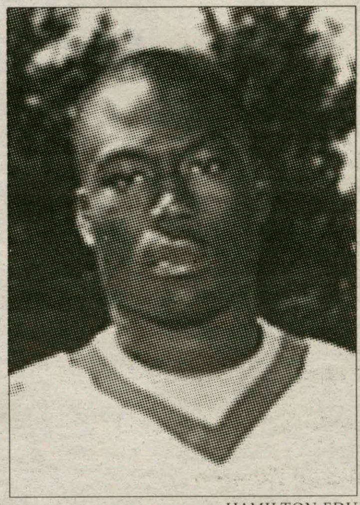
Chad Carta '06.

LIBERTY LEAGUE HONORS

The Liberty League honored a standout freshman athlete this week, by selecting him as a weekly award winner. **Claudius Zorokong '08** was named men's track and field Rookie of the Week. This is the fifth time the Liberty League has recognized Zorokong's accomplishments during the winter season.

NESCAC HONORS

Four swimmers and a diver from the women's team were named to the all-NESCAC team, based on their performances at the NESCAC meet. **Brittany Achin '05**, **Nicole Knapp '05**, **Emily Clinkhammer '06**, **Sam Pitter '07**, and **Bevin Kenny '07** were recognized.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Claudius Zorokong '08.

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Strong senior class led teams during winter season

35 senior athletes completed their final winter season for the Continentals. The hard work, dedication, and leadership demonstrated by these players helped propel their teams to successful seasons during the past four years.

Basketball
Tricia Czeski
Mike Evans

Hockey
Chris Cagliuso
Marissa Halligan
Colleen MacNally
Rob MacNeil

Squash
Kate Calcwell
Duncan Cameron
Kate McLoughlin
Nakul Patel
Caroline Steers
Katharine Tuckerman

Swimming and Diving
Brittany Achin
Tae Chung
Ryan Connor
Debbie Deffaa
Ben Delia
Andrew Fink
Katherine Hankowski
Liz Kennedy
Nicole Knapp
Aran Lawrence
Kristina Orsini
Andrew Saunders
Britt Sponzo
Cecilia Tripp

Indoor Track and Field
Steve Butterhof
Mara Dropkin-Frank
Chris Dunn
Olamide Harrison
Adrienne Issac
Ruth Leoniuk
Kate Schirmer
Elini Venturas
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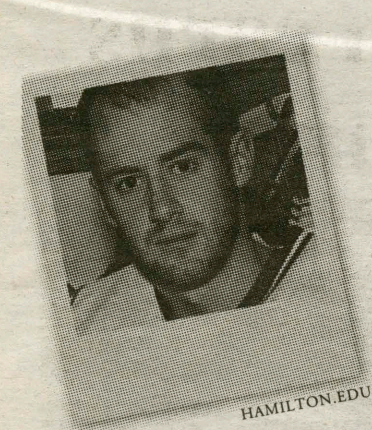

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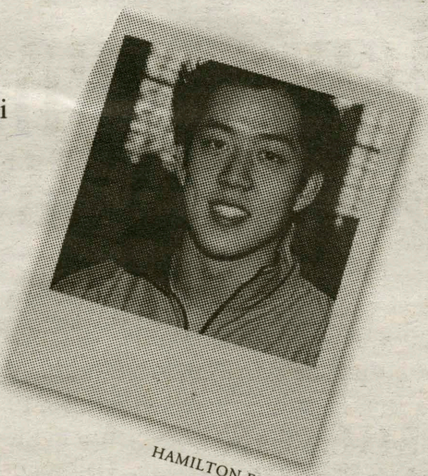

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Katsuras earns NESCAC Player of the Year honor

by Katie Childs '08
SPORTS EDITOR

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Katsuras leads the nation in game winning goals.

Gus Katsuras '06 was selected as the NESCAC men's ice hockey Player of the Year on Wednesday. Katsuras leads among all other Division III players in game winning goals with seven. He is also tied for the NESCAC lead in goals this season (22), points (39), and power play points (16).

Katsuras was selected to the all-conference Second team during the past two seasons, but his hard work and accomplishments this year earned him a spot on the NESCAC men's ice hockey all-conference team. "I was a lot stronger mentally this year and did not get frustrated when things didn't go my way, which allowed me to play more consistently," said Katsuras, who focused heavily on his conditioning during the off-season.

Katsuras reached the 100 career points mark on February 5 versus nationally ranked Middlebury College. "That weekend I needed three points and I got it on the second game against Middlebury, helping us win the game and beat them for the first time in nine years," said Katsuras. "My parents were at the game and they don't make it to too many, and Mike Marta, the all-time leading scorer at Hamilton also came, which was pretty awesome. It was perfect."

After the weekend's success, Katsuras was named Offensive Player of the Week on February 8 by U.S. College Hockey Online. He was also selected as the NESCAC player of the week for his strong performances against Williams and Middlebury on February 4 and 5.

"My favorite part of playing hockey here is being with the guys, but aside from that I would have to say that it is the challenge every year of trying to make history by helping our team to win a championships, and next year is the one since it's my last," said Katsuras, who hopes to try out in the AHL, play in the minor pro-leagues, or play in Europe after graduation. "We should be a huge contender next year."

Although Katsuras found the season disappointing, he sees room for improvement. "We did not play well as a team the whole year," said Katsuras. "We had glimpses of it which showed what we were capable of in some big games, but we didn't play like that ever game. This season is over in my mind now and I am only thinking about next year right now and I am so excited to get started again."

Beat the Experts

Beat the "Experts" is by no means associated with organized gambling on professional or college athletics. Each week, we will pick several games in which to choose winners, and we will have a special guest pick winners as well.

	Katie Childs *Spectator* Sports Editor	Andrew Dassori *Spectator* Sports Editor	Mike Proia *Spectator* Senior Sports Editor	Ian Mandel *Spectator* Editor-In-Chief	Nick Lund *Spectator* Photo Editor
Season Record:	**29-13**	**26-16**	**28-14**	**24-16**	**23-14**
College Basketball					
Syracuse @ UConn	Huskies	Huskies	Huskies	Orange	Huskies
Oklahoma @ Texas Tech	Raiders	Sooners	Sooners	Sooners	Raiders
Kentucky @ Florida	Wildcats	Wildcats	Gators	Wildcats	Wildcats
Duke @ North Carolina	Tar Heels	Tar Heels	Tar Heels	Tar heels	Tar Heels
Pittsburgh @ Notre Dame	Panthers	Irish	Panthers	Panthers	Irish
NBA					
Sacramento @ Miami	Heat	Heat	Heat	Heat	Heat
Orlando @ New Jersey	Nets	Nets	Nets	Orlando	Nets
Dallas @ Houston	Rockets	Rockets	Rockets	Mavericks	Rockets
Minnesota @ Boston	Celtics	Celtics	Celtics	Timberwolves	Celtics
Indiana @ LA Lakers	Pacers	Pacers	Pacers	Pacers	Lakers

Men's swimming places fifth at NESCAC meet

Mike Salmon '06 named Diver of the Meet for 2nd consecutive year

by Katie Childs '08
SPORTS EDITOR

The Continentals finished fifth at the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) meet, which was held at Wesleyan University from February 25 to February 27.

Hamilton held steady at fifth place during the three-day competition. The team ended up with 1,034 points, while Williams College collected 1,862 and won the team title.

Williams is a powerhouse within the conference, having earned the NESCAC title in four of the last five years. This is the third consecutive year that Williams has won the men's swimming and diving title. Middlebury, Amherst, and Tufts rounded out the top five.

Aran Lawrence '05, co-captain Tae Chung '05, Andrew Fink '05, and Andrew Saunders '05 placed second in the 200-yard freestyle relay in a time of 1:24.74, finishing just shy of first place by .12 seconds but earning an NCAA provisional cut time.

Todd Johnson '08 took fourth in the 50-yard backstroke, finishing in 24.63 seconds. In the 100 yard backstroke, he placed sixth in a time of 52.46. For the 200 backstroke, Johnson was sixth with a 1:55.62 finish.

Johnson was also part of 400-yard medley relay team, which included Steve Morris '06, Fink, and Lawrence. The relay team finished in 3:29.08, an NCAA provisional cut time.

Johnson, Fink, and Lawrence, along with Chung went on to place fourth in the 200-yard medley relay, finishing in 1:34.50.

Lawrence placed third in the 50 free with a time of 21.41. Saunders captured sixth in the same race after completing the race in 21.58 seconds.

Fink was eighth in the 100 yard butterfly after finishing in 52.22 seconds.

Morris earned fourth place after completely the 100-yard breaststroke in 59.08.

Christian Warner '07 took sixth place in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:44.20. He placed fifth in the 100 yard freestyle event, with a time of 47.16.

Warner, Saunders, Fink, and Lawrence finished the 400 freestyle relay in 3:06.22, garnering second place and a provisional cut, which will likely qualify them for the Championship meet.

Warner also combined with Tim Reed '06, Ben Delia '05, and Fink in the 800-yard freestyle relay to place fourth in a time of 7:03.39 minutes.

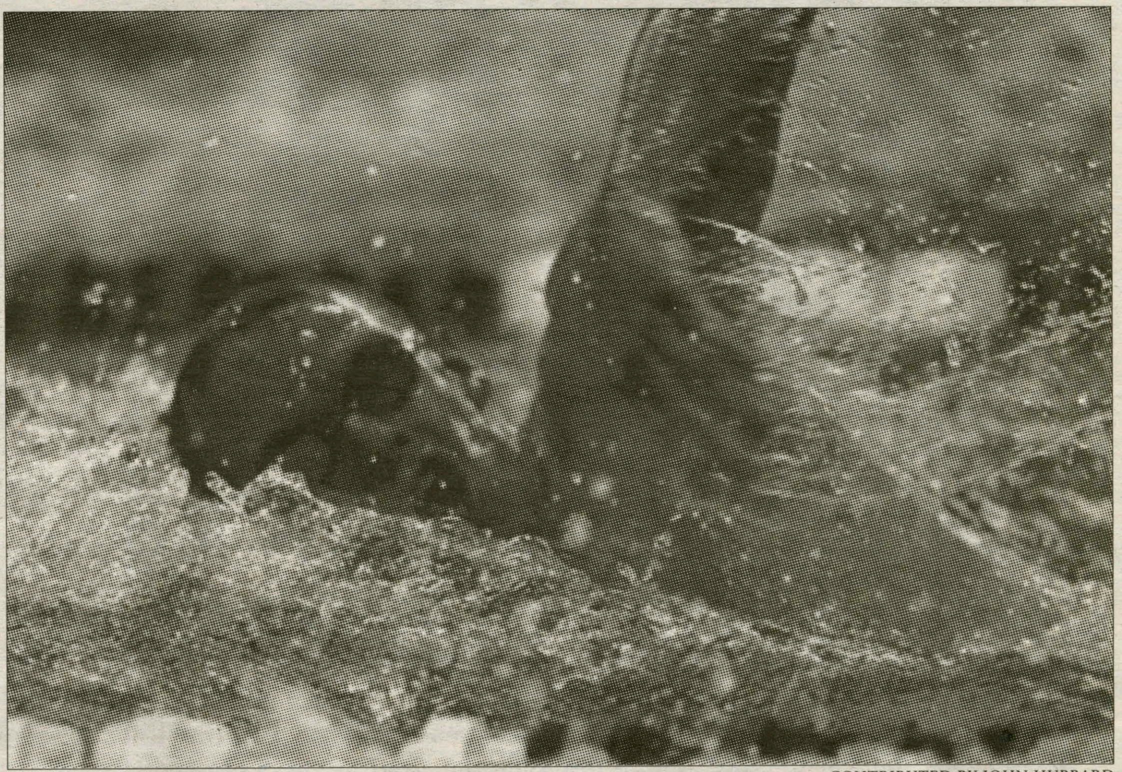
Reed was successful in the 200-yard freestyle; he placed sixth in a time of 1:56.40.

For the second consecutive year Salmon was named Diver of the Meet. He earned 497.85 points on the 3-meter board, qualifying him for the NCAA Championships. Salmon picked up 528.40 points in the 1-meter diving event. He placed first in both events.

Salmon's success was only sweetened when Hamilton's Todd Kolean was honored with the title of NESCAC diving coach of the year.

Seven swimmers and one diver were honored by the conference on March 2. Lawrence, Fink, Saunders, Johnson, Morris, Chung, Warner, and Salmon were honored with all-conference recognition.

Salmon and the four members of the 400-yard freestyle relay team will head to the NCAA Championships in Holland, Michigan on March 17.



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Andrew Fink competed in the 200-yard and 400-yard freestyle relays, as well as the 400 medley relay at the NESCAC meet last weekend.

What's all the hoopla about?

March Madness, of course! If you think you have the skills it takes to pick the best brackets for the NCAA tournament, then log onto http://68.209.216.248/hamilton/register/register.pl. It's fun, easy, and free! Best of all, a male and female participant from each grade will win an awesome prize and have their names published in *The Spectator*! The contest is open to all students, as well as faculty and staff. Once you've registered, check your e-mail and log onto http://68.209.216.248/hamilton/ncaa_page.pl to make your picks. Brackets are released Sunday March 13, so be sure to register and make picks between then and Tuesday, March 15. Check your e-mail on Sunday for a *Spec* e-mail with the links.

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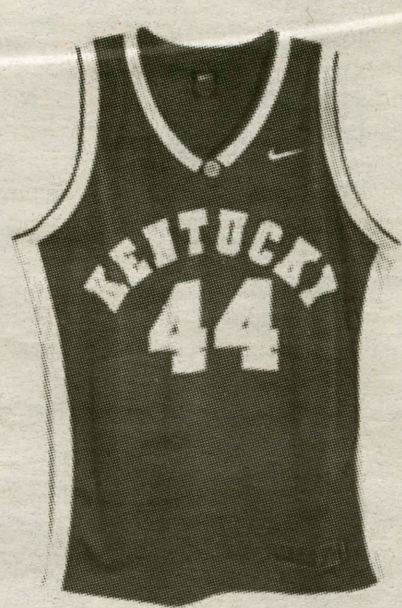

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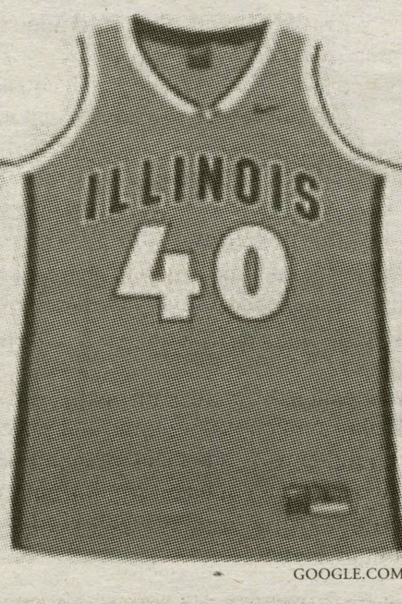

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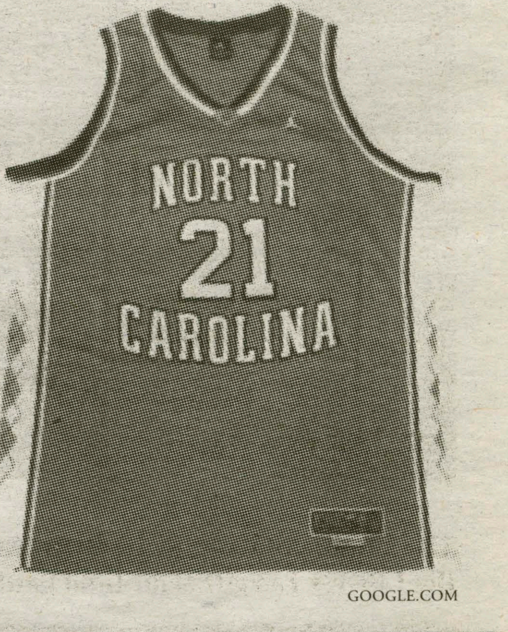

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Women's basketball ends season with 15-10 record

by Paul Kibbe '05
SPORTS WRITER

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The women's basketball team wrapped up a great season with a tough loss to the William Smith Herons in the first round of the Liberty League playoffs. As the fourth seed in the playoffs, Hamilton was forced to play the number one seed on the road. Although Hamilton clinched a playoff spot on the last day of the regular season with a win over RPI, they were not worried with their draw against William Smith in the first round. The Continentals handed the Herons their first lost of the season earlier in the year and knew that they could play with them again.

The William Smith field house was packed with fans supporting both the home team and the visiting Continentals. Hamilton managed to score 27 points while shooting just 25 percent from the floor, and the Continental defense, which has been strong all year, allowed the Herons to shoot 45 percent but netted only 34 points. The Continentals were confident going into the second half down just seven points.

This confidence seemed to fade quickly as William Smith had one the best offensive halves against Hamilton that any team has had this season. This, coupled with the fact that the Continentals had their worst shooting half of the season, put the game out of reach as the Conts were forced to watch William Smith run away with the win and the trip to the championship game the next day. The Herons shot 53 percent from the floor in the second half, while Hamilton managed to shoot just 9 percent on their way to losing the game 76-50.

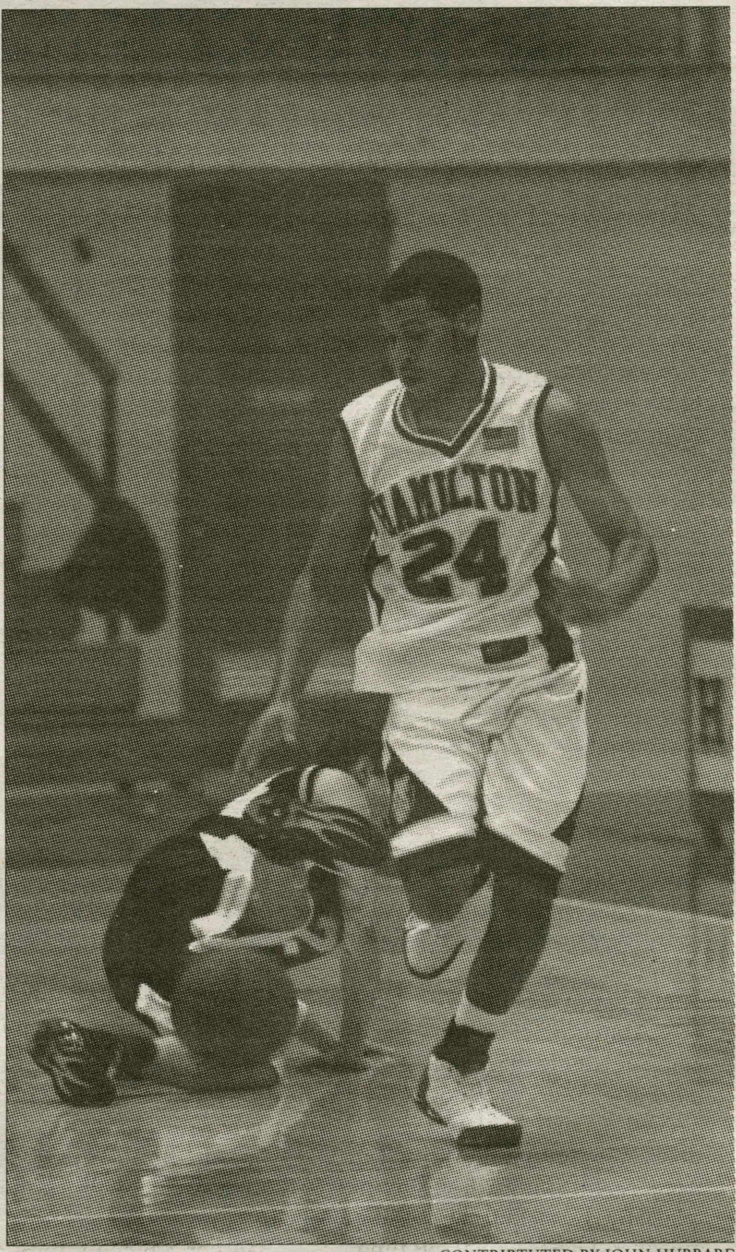
Only three Continentals made more than one shot in the game, as Hamilton shot 15% from the floor. Pumla Sathula '08 and Tricia Czeski '05 both had double-doubles in the loss. Sathula finished with 10 points and 12 boards, as Czeski was close behind with 10 points and 10 rebounds. Sathula was just two steals shy of a triple-double, finishing with eight. Erin Daugherty '06 was the only other Continental in double figures with 10 points, including three three-point field goals. She also finished with six rebounds in the defeat. After William Smith went on to beat St. Lawrence the following afternoon, 68-55, the Liberty League picked the 2004-05 All-Star teams. Sathula was named to the second team, while Czeski was an honorable mention.

This year's team finished the season with a record of 15-10 overall and 9-5 in the Liberty League. The team battled all year and used their youth and speed to compete with teams that easily out-sized them. Co-captain Czeski, the only senior on this year's team, exceeded her potential and expectations both on and off the court. She led the team in almost every category, starting all 25 games, while finishing first with 29.7 minutes per game, 2.9 assists per game, 13 total blocks and 11 points per game. She finished second in both rebounds per game and total steals, with 5.5 and 72 respectively. Rookie standout Sathula led the team in rebounds per game with 8.8 and steals with 73 on the season.

Hamilton will return four starters next year including Sathula and co-captain Daugherty, who played strong defense and was always a threat from the three-point line . Jessica Barrows '08 showed off her three point ability this year and fellow freshmen Melissa Steppe handled the ball well and could put ball in the basket for the Continentals.

The remaining returning starter is Jessica Pisegna '06, who will help the Continentals with size in the middle again next year. Other key returnees for the Continentals will be, Allie Massaro '07 and Maria Garvin '07. Massaro played in all 25 games and was a dominate rebounder inside while also cleaning up with points inside. Garvin missed the first part of the season with an ankle injury, but after a few games back she displayed touch with her jump shot from all over the floor. The Continentals will also return four other freshmen who saw limited time this season, but will be a key part of the chemistry next season.

Hamilton will need a dominate center who can score and rebound in order to take some of the pressure off Sathula inside next season. The Continentals will also need to find a way to replace Czeski's scoring, rebounding and defense. With many solid players on the team this year, it shouldn't be too hard for coach Diehl to find the right people next season, and hopefully next year's team can go one game farther.



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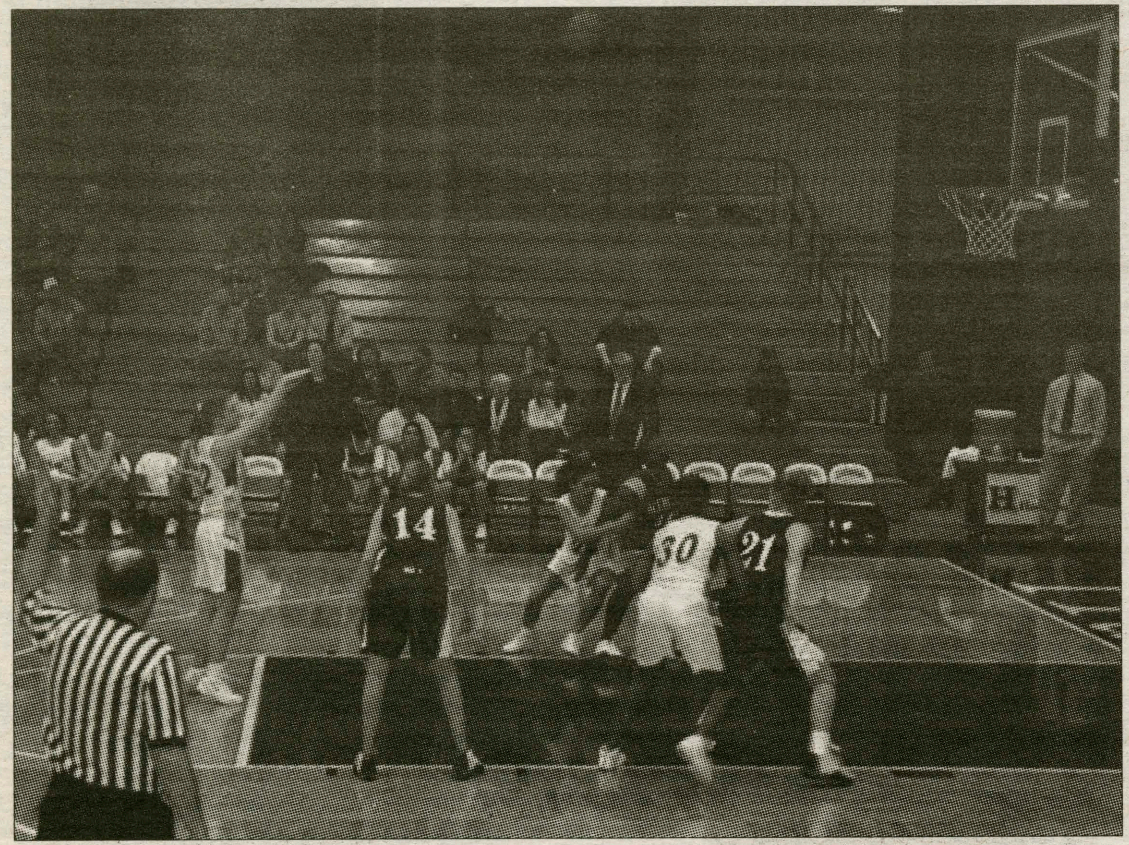
Nick Jones was first in scoring for the team this season with 354 points and was recently selected to the Liberty League all-star first team.



BY PHOEBE VICKERS '05

The Continentals went 15-10 overall and 9-5 in the Liberty League, earning a trip to the Liberty League semi-final game versus No.1 William Smith.

Welchons scores 64 points during league tournament weekend

*from **Basketball**, page 28*

the way but could never retake the lead. Trailing by three points with under five seconds to play, Skidmore fouled Jones, sending him to the line for two free throws to put the game away. Jones made one of two, giving Hamilton a 76-72 lead. A long three by the Thoroughbreds as time expired closed the gap to 76-75, but it was too little, too late, allwoing Hamilton to advance to its third consecutive League Championship game.

Welchons led all scorers with 26 points, hitting all eleven of his free throw attempts. The biggest difference in the second half may have been the defensive play of Valenti, who finished the game with six steals to go along with his sixteen points. Jones and Ngobeni both finished with six rebounds to lead the team, and each finished in double figures, scoring twelve and eleven respectively. Giorgi Chavleishvili '08 added ten points and five rebounds.

Overall, the transition to the new coaching staff, style of play, and injection of new plays went well, though Anderson stopped short of calling it a great season.

"We had a pretty good year," said Anderson, "considering this was an entirely different situation from coach [Tom] Murphy and what he did here. So many things had to come together this year and we were only a few baskets or free throws from 20 wins, which would have been a great season. The kids battled all year long through a lack of depth, often only having nine guys in practice. I'm proud of the guys; we really hung together all season."

Hamilton will return the entire team, save Mike Evans '05, next year, giving Anderson and his staff plenty to be optimistic about come next fall.

"The fans will see a much different team next year," mentioned Anderson. "We will play a much faster tempo and style. We have guys here who play well that way, but a lack of depth kept us from doing that this year. We have a lot of talent coming back and should have a solid freshman class to give us some much-needed depth. I'm very encouraged about next year."

LACROSSE

Team victories will help tsunami victims

by Katie Childs '08
SPORTS EDITOR

How does the successes of the Hamilton men's and women's lacrosse teams translate into success for tsunami relief funds? The lacrosse teams will hold a goal-a-thon to help raise funds for the relief efforts this spring.

Senior co-captain Jim Henry '05 witnessed first hand the devestation of the tsunami. He was vacationing at a resort in Thailand on December 26, when the massive tidal wave wrecked havoc on southeast Asia.

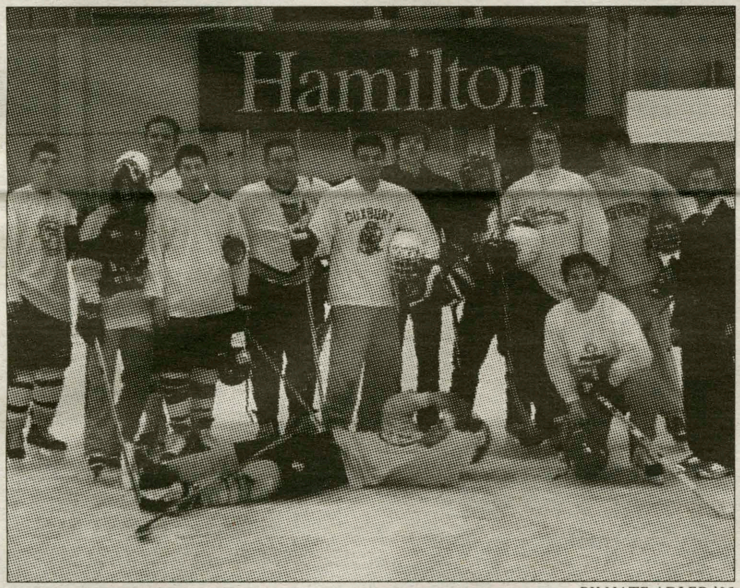
Donors can pledge money towards the goals scored by the men's team or the women's team. At the end of the season, donations will be collected and given to the American Red Cross. The deadline to pledge support is April 1.

Last season, the women's team scored 142 goals, while the men had 140 goals.

To fill out a form for the goal-a-thon, visit http://www.hamilton.edu/athletics/wlacrosse/goal-a-thon.pdf.

IM HOCKEY

The Swamp skate past Aerosmith team



BY NATE ADLER '05

The Swamp, a collection of Hamilton's finest gentlemen, won the IM Hockey Championship on Monday night.

by James Dinneen '05
SPORTS CONTRIBUTOR

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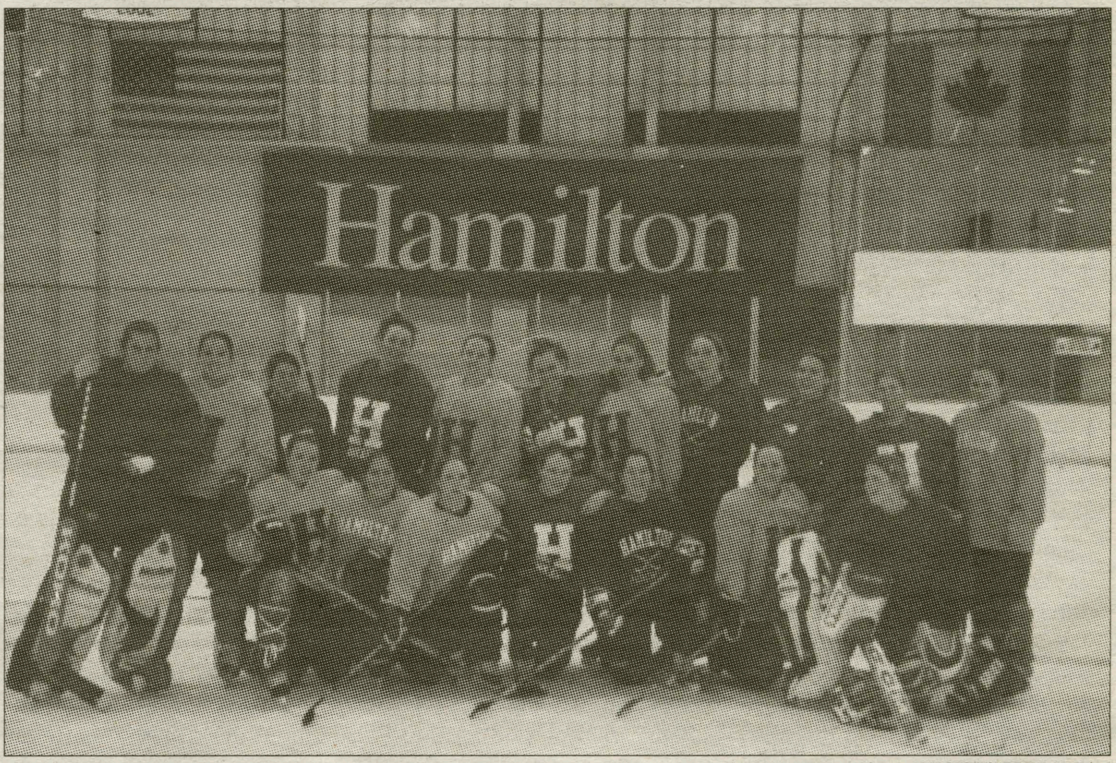
The Hamilton College A-League IM Hockey Championship was decided earlier this week in a battle of titans. The long season and playoffs had weeded out the lesser teams, and Monday night Aerosmith took the ice against the Swamp [semi-expletive deleted] in what would surely by a heated contest. Aerosmith had cruised through the season, defeating most challengers. The Swamp had lost the regular season match-up between the two teams when they gave up a late goal.

The both teams wanted the championship, and they both came out skating hard. Things got heated as the Swamp went ahead early. The Swamp were short some key players, including player-coach Chris McPherson '05 who had literally carried the team all season but had suffered a devastating, season ending injury. Aerosmith suffered a blow when one of their stars had to leave the game with an injury. The game continued and was quite heated, on several occasions play had to be stopped to calm the mounting tensions. Referee Rob Copeland-Halperin '05 was determined to keep order.

The game was fast paced and proved thrilling for the fans and players alike. In the end, the Swamp were determined not to give up their lead again. Strong defense helped assure them of victory. The Swamp proudly accepted the 2005 Hamilton Cup, the first time the trophy had been awarded. It was a bitter sweet moment for the seniors on the team who will not get a chance to defend the Cup, but can know they went out on top.

Women's hockey advances to NESCAC semi-final game

Continentals will face Bowdoin College on Saturday



BY LETTY BEDDARD '06

The women's hockey team has been on a roll, going 5-1-2 over the course of the last eight games. The win over Amherst on February 26 earned the team a spot in the semi-final game, which will take place at Bowdoin College on Saturday.

by Matt Bradley '07
SPORTS WRITER

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Amherst	1

The women's hockey team has finally tasted the fruits of its labor. After a long and difficult season, the squad has pulled together for the most important time of the year: the playoffs. The Continentals facedoff against Amherst College this past Saturday, February 26, in the NESCAC quarterfinals. The Continentals dominated, skating away with a 6-1 victory in the first round of the playoffs. Marissa Halligan '05 continued her recent success by once again leading the offensive charge for Hamilton. The senior captain has been a priceless factor in the team's achievements.

Halligan scored Hamilton's first goal just 3:45 into the first period on the assist from Emma Dunn '07. Halligan's goal proved to be important, as it was the only one scored in the period. Halligan, however, was just getting started. The first period expired with a 1-0 Hamilton lead, but it did not stop there.

Just under seven and a half minutes into the second period, Halligan struck again, knocking in an unassisted goal past the Amherst goal-tender. Then, minutes later, at the half-way mark in the period, Halligan fired in her third goal of the game on an assist from fellow captain Zoe Baldwin '06. Halligan's goal (her thirteenth of the season) gave Hamilton the comfortable 3-0 advantage. With 3:03 remaining in the second, Amherst finally managed to slide one past the unstoppable Caitlin Connelly '07, making the score 3-1 as time expired in the second.

Unfortunately for Amherst, that one goal was all the squad was able to slip past Connelly. The third period was a scoring clinic taught by the Continentals. Emma Dunn '07 knocked in her third goal of the season to give Hamilton the 4-1 lead. Olivia Vargo '08 and Taylor Brady '08 recorded the assists on Dunn's goal. Hamilton's fifth goal came with 9:06 remaining in the game, when Kerry Leonard '07 converted the assists from Brady and Vargo. Minutes later, with just over five minutes left in the third, Lindsay Bartz '07 buried any hopes of an Amherst comeback when she scored another goal, creating a 6-1 Hamilton advantage.

While the stats were relatively close between the two squads, Connelly's goal-tending proved to be the deciding factor in the NESCAC quarterfinal game. Hamilton only out-shot Amherst 26-22. Thanks to Connelly's solid performance in the goal however, Hamilton dominated the ice. Several of Connelly's teammates recorded outstanding individual performances as well. Brady, the freshman standout, had three assists in the match-up. Most impressively, Halligan recorded three goals against Amherst. Her hat trick tied the NESCAC playoff record for number of goals in a game. Halligan's performance earned her the NESCAC Player of the Week honors.

The Continentals have been on a roll. They have earned a 5-1-2 record in their last eight games. The squad will need that type of momentum however, to continue its playoff success. The fourth ranked Continentals are slated to play the NESCAC Champion, Bowdoin Polar Bears this weekend. The semi-final match-up will be held in Brunswick, Maine this Saturday, March 5, at 1p.m..

"The excitement we have is huge," said Baldwin about the upcoming game against Bowdoin. "We set our goals at the beginning of the year to get back to the final four. We've been playing really well lately, and I know that we can win if we come to play."

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BOWDOIN

Saturday, March 5, at 1 p.m.

No. 4 Hamilton will travel to Maine to face the top-seeded Bowdoin Polar Bears (19-3-1). The Continentals (10-11-3) lost to Bowdoin 2-0 and 5-0 earlier in the season. Bowdoin is ranked fourth in nation by US College Hockey Online, and had a first round bye in the NESCAC tournament. No. 2 Middlebury will host the third seed, Williams College.

Men's hockey knocked out by No. 1 Middlebury

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Senior Rob MacNeil capped off his Hamilton career by finishing first in the league in save percentage.

by Nick Rockwell '08
SPORTS WRITER

Middlebury	3
Hamilton	0

In front of a packed house at Middlebury's Kenyon Arena, the Hamilton men's hockey team finished a frustrating season by losing its first playoff game 3-0 on Saturday, February 26th.

The Continentals put together a solid defensive effort, holding Middlebury's potent offense to only two goals (and an empty-netter), but could not find the twine themselves. The team ended the season with a 9-12-4 record.

Middlebury jumped to an early lead in the first period, with Shady Young '06 lighting the lamp after only two minutes had elapsed. Hamilton struggled to get any offense going in the first, recording only three shots in the period compared to Middlebury's fourteen. However, the Buff and Blue played solid team defense, especially on the penalty kill. Kenyon Arena is Olympic size (most NESCAC rinks are smaller), thus presenting a different challenge for the Continentals. Middlebury is adept at using the larger ice surface to create confusion and fast breaks through the neutral zone. Despite the Panthers' explosiveness, Hamilton was able to keep the score at 1-0 heading into the second frame.

The play settled for the second period with both teams firing eight shots on net. Unfortunately, the Panthers were able to break through for another goal; this time it was freshman standout Mickey Gilchrist '08 notching his 18th of the season. Middlebury held the two goal lead the rest of the period.

The Continentals came out firing after the second intermission. Head coach Phil Grady recalls that "there were five to seven great scoring opportunities alone in the third period." Leading scorer Gus Katsuras '06 hit the crossbar and post multiple times. Hamilton pulled goalie Rob MacNeil '05 with just over two minutes to play to get an extra attacker in hopes of cutting the lead to one. The move backfired as Panther captain Brian Phinney '05 slid the puck into the unprotected net to ice the game and the season for Ham-Tech.

Despite their early exit from the playoffs, a few Hamilton players had remarkable individual seasons. Katsuras finished tied for the league lead in goals (22) and points (39), and on Wednesday was named first-team all-NESCAC, as well as NESCAC Player of the Year (*see article on page 23*). Player of the Year is a huge honor, especially because it is decided by the vote of the league coaches; Katsuras has obviously earned the respect and admiration of the NESCAC.

This year also marks the first Katsuras was named a first team all-conference player, the last two seasons he has been on the second team.

Senior goaltender and tri-captain Rob MacNeil '05 capped off his Hamilton career by finishing first in the league in save percentage, stopping 91.7% of the shots fired against him. Sophomore defensemen John Gordon '07 also had a phenomenal season, landing 7th in the NESCAC with twenty assists.

The team is already looking ahead to the 2005-2006 season. In fact, Coach Grady has already met with the players to set goals for the off-season and next year. Certainly there is a great deal of optimism and excitement for next year's squad considering the team only loses two seniors and returns the NESCAC Player of the Year, as well as the top ten scorers on the team.

Junior goaltender Gabe Tash '06 will be counted on to shoulder the load between the pipes. Tash played extremely well this year when called upon (take his 33 save performance against Colby two weekends ago as verification of this).

Coach Grady said that his players are "more determined because of the outcome this season," also mentioning that, "guys are already in the weight room at 8am, getting better." A dominant men's hockey squad hits the ice again in November, when hockey returns to the Hill for the 05-06 season.

Panthers are defending conference champions

Middlebury was a familiar foe, in fact the Buff and Blue beat the Panthers, 3-2 on February 5th in Sage Rink. Playoff hockey, however, is an entirely different blend, and Middlebury has had the most consistent success in the NESCAC over the last ten years.

In last year's conference semifinals, the Panthers knocked off Hamilton, 3-1.

The defending conference champs are adept at using the open ice to create scoring chances and Coach Grady noted before the game that slowing down the Panthers would again be of paramount importance: "Middlebury, although they are young, has a very balanced attack with many lines that can beat you. They skate very well; we will need to execute our game plan to perfection and capitalize on their mistakes."

Conts end regular season with Colby tie

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Playoff fever hit the Northeast as the Hamilton College men's hockey team traveled to Middlebury, Vermont on Saturday, February 26 to take on the nationally ranked Middlebury Panthers. This year marked the 13th straight season that the Continentals have qualified for postseason play, a remarkable feat for the program and for long time head coach Phil Grady. After a mediocre weekend at Sage Rink, which saw the team lose to a talented Bowdoin squad, 5-1 on February 18 and tie Colby 3-3 on February 19, Hamilton entered the playoffs as the seventh seed in the NESCAC as they took on the Panthers at 4 p.m. on Saturday.

On Friday the Bowdoin Polar Bears, which came into the game ranked 11th in the country, took the ice at Sage Rink. Despite the lopsided score, the Continentals entered the third period only down by one goal. Junior standouts Jon Landry '06 and Adam Dann '06 put the game away in the third for Bowdoin, each of them tallying their second goal of the contest. Tri-captain Gus Katsuras '06 continued to add to his dominant numbers this year by notching the only Continental goal in the second period. The goal was Katsuras's twenty-first of the season.

After losing their third game in a row to Bowdoin the Conts laced up their skates and took on the Colby Mules, who are ranked third in the NESCAC. Despite their recent losses, Hamilton came out aggressive with Katsuras scoring again only two and half minutes into the contest. The teams traded goals the rest of the first period, which ended with the score knotted at two. Colby senior Josh Morash '05 recorded his second goal of the game in the second period, leaving the score 3-2 in favor of the Mules. However, Hamilton was extremely resilient, refusing to give in and finally getting the game-tying goal they needed with only five and a half minutes remaining in the third period. Junior Mike Hayes '06 was the savior with assists going to Erik Kallio '06 and Katsuras. Neither team could break through in overtime; junior goalie Gabe Tash '06 stopped a flurry of shots in the extra frame adding to his total of 33 saves for the game. The Continentals now have two hot goaltenders heading into playoff action, which is a huge advantage heading into the postseason. Sophomore defensemen John Gordon '07 finished the game with two assists, moving his team leading total to twenty.

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Gus Katsuras finished the season tied for the NESCAC lead in goals (22) and points (39). On February 5, Katsuras crossed the 100-point career mark during a home game at Sage Rink versus Middlebury College. He was recently selected as the NESCAC Player of the Year and a member of the all-conference first team for his accomplishments this season.

Spectator Sports

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Men's basketball falls to Union 88-84 in league finals

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For the first time in the last three years, the men's basketball team will not be playing in the NCAA Tournament. This marks the third time in the last eleven seasons that Hamilton will not appear in the Tournament, though the team did not give up the Conference Championship trophy without a fight. Hamilton lost another heartbreaker in the Championship game, dropping the contest 88-84 to the Union Dutchmen.

After Hamilton beat Skidmore in the semifinal, fourth seeded Union upset first seeded Hobart in front of a loud Hobart crowd. That left the three and four seeds to fight it out for the Championship and automatic NCAA bid on Saturday. The Dutchmen came out hot in the first half and hit 55 percent of their shots, including nine of fifteen from three-point range.

But Tim Welchons '06 would not let Hamilton fall too far behind, as he scored twenty-two points in the first twenty minutes, leading all scorers at the half. Hamilton trailed 43-26 going into halftime, knowing the defense had to get much better if the Continentals were going to win against Union.

"Our problem most of the season was that we didn't become a real good defensive team," said head coach Tobin Anderson. "When you don't defend you're playing wth fire. We got burned by giving up too many open shots to Union."

However, it was the Dutchmen who came out with more intensity after halftime, as they scored the first eight points of the half to take control. Union pushed the lead to as many as 22 midway through the second half, and the Continentals could only watch as the Dutchmen shot the lights out on their way to the conference crown.

However, Hamilton fought back. With 4:30 remaining Hamilton still trailed 77-59; but, then the comeback began. Some hot shooting and pressure defense got Hamilton back within two at 86-84 with twelve seconds remaining. A Union turnover and foul then gave Staunton Peck '06 a chance to tie the game from the free throw line with five seconds remaining. Unfortunately, Peck missed both free throws and Phil Valenti '06 was called for a push-off on the rebound, giving Union two free throws to ice the game. The Dutchmen converted and the score went final at 88-84, giving Union the Liberty League Conference Championship.

"Union is a veteran team," commented Anderson. "Most of those guys came in together and have been playing together for three years. We had a brand new team this year, most of these guys had never played together or in a game this big, so their experience helped them. I have to give Union credit, they played better and they beat us."

The Dutchmen finished the game shooting nearly 52 percent from the field and fifteen of twenty-eight from long distance. Welchons led all scores with 38 points, a career high, and also added five assists. Nick Jones '07 scored seventeen and finished the game with a game-high fifteen rebounds. Tsakane Ngobeni '07 was the only other Continental in double figures; he had fifteen points and seven rebounds for the game.

The Friday afternoon semifinal game with Skidmore proved to be another thrilling contest, once again being decided by late free throws. Hamilton trailed 40-35 at halftime, despite shooting 50 percent from the floor. The Continentals came out of halftime looking to pick up the defensive effort and reeled off a 17-6, run taking a 52-46 lead

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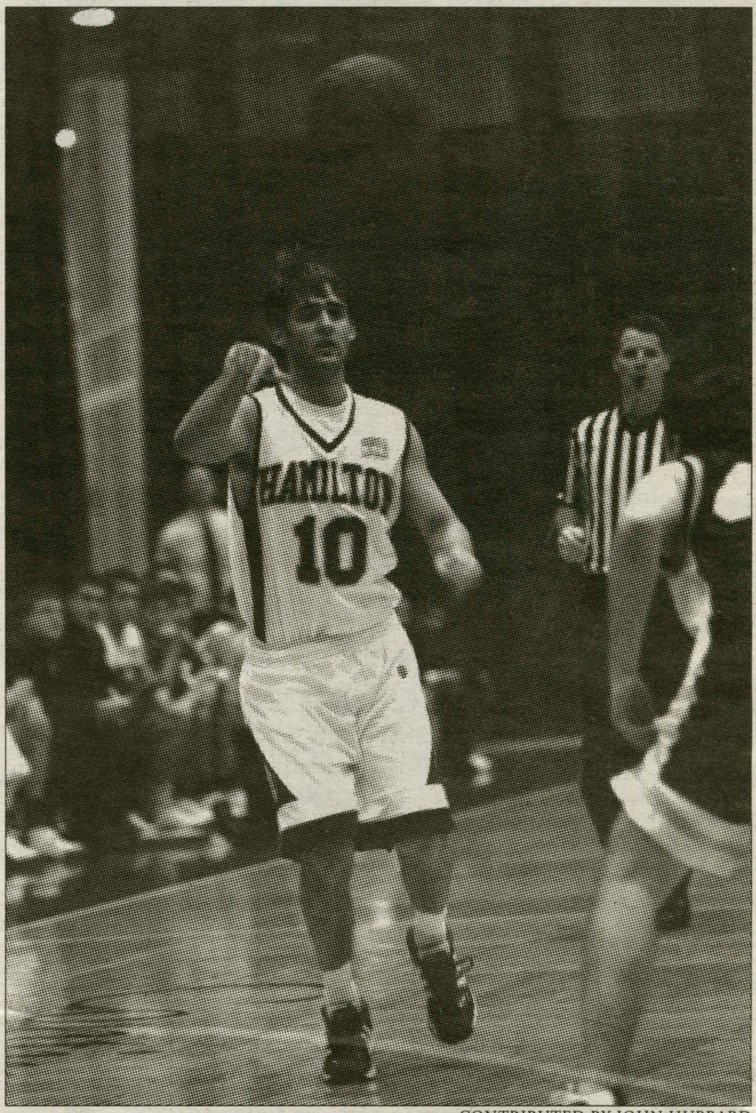
Tsakane Ngobeni was number one on the team in rebounds, with 183 this season.



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Tim Welchons led the team in scoring during their playoff run, recording a career high 38 points during Saturday's Championship game versus Union College.

Game Briefs

Welchons hits career-highs during weekend

Over the weekend, Hamilton men's basketball got a big lift from starting point guard Tim Welchons '06, who set a new career high in scoring in each game. In Friday's semifinal against Skidmore, Welchons scored a then-career high 26 points, hitting all eleven of his free throw attempts. On Saturday, Welchons topped his 26 points with an incredible 38 point performance. Welchons had 22 points at halftime and added sixteen more in the second half, keeping Hamilton in the game. For the tournament, Welchons hit 21 of 34 field goal attempts including seven of fourteen three point shots and fifteen of his sixteen free throw attempts.

Jones selected to Liberty League All-Star team

The Liberty League men's basketball all-star team was announced last week, and Hamilton had three players honored. Nick Jones '07 was selected to the First Team, Tsakane Ngobeni '07 made the Second Team, and Giorgi Chavleishvili '08 was an Honorable Mention. Jones ended the year among the league leaders in six categories. He was eighth in scoring (13.5) and 18th in rebounding (4.5). He is also third in three-point field goal percentage (46.3) and fifth in free throw percentage (78.8%). He registered a season high 23 points on two occasions. The First Team selection came on the heels of last year's Rookie-of-the-Year Award.

Union's buzzer-beater shot makes ESPN

The Championship game made Sports Center's "Top Ten Plays of the Day" list on February 28, thanks to an amazing shot by the Union Dutchmen right before the half. As time ran down before halftime, Hamilton held possession of the ball and set up for a final shot. But the Continentals shot too early, missing from the perimeter. Nick Jones '07 slid under the hoop and put back the offensive rebound with just a few seconds remaining. Union quickly inbounded the ball to junior Brian Scordato, who took a few dribbles towards halfcourt, then launched a buzzer-beater from 62 feet. The shot banked off the backboard and in, and Union went to the half up 43-36. The shot can be viewed at the Union Athletics page, www.union.edu/athletics/. The clip will reappear on College Gameday's "plays of the week" on Saturday evening.